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OSAKA BONDS TO BE REPAYED ON MATURITY

London, To-day.

The Yokohama Specie Bank announce repayment on May 1 of the City of Osaka 5 per cent. bonds, maturing on that date.

The "News Chronicle," which is the only commentator, says that due repayment may help Japanese credit, which at present needs all the help it can get. —Reuter.

FIVE YEARS FOR ATTACK ON MRS. HOLMES

FIVE YEARS' HARD LABOUR AND 12 STROKES OF THE BIRCH WAS THE SENTENCE IMPOSED ON LI KI 48, BY SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING FOR ROBBERY AT THE HOME OF MRS. R. J. HOLMES, OF NO. 194, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

When arraigned this morning, accused pleaded guilty.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, stated that some of the articles which were stolen had been found. Mrs. Holmes received slight injuries when she struggled with accused in the house.

"You have pleaded guilty to a brutal robbery. I very much regret—such a weed are you—that I cannot give you the cat of nine tails," remarked the Chief Justice, imposing sentence.

BERLIN EXPELS BRITISH JOURNALIST

Berlin, To-day.

The correspondent of the "News Chronicle," S. D. Harrison, has been ordered to leave Germany within the next fourteen days, it was announced yesterday.

The reason for the expulsion is

Hitler Unlikely To Answer With Blunt "No"

Paris, To-day.

The fact that the Fuehrer has convened the Reichstag is considered to furnish a ground for a certain optimism as regards the further destiny of President Roosevelt's message to the Fuehrer and the Duce.

Despite the severe criticism in Germany and Italy, the Fuehrer seems to be not disinclined to submit Mr. Roosevelt's proposals to a thorough examination, writes the "Paris Soir."

"Intransigent" believes that if the Fuehrer intends to take 12 days to prepare his reply he is unlikely to answer with a blunt "No." — Reuter.

KALININ MESSAGE

Berlin, To-day.

The German newspapers continue to publish hostile comments on President Roosevelt's message, while stressing the favourable reception accorded to the message by the Western powers and the Soviet Union.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" considers the haste with which the Chairman of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee, M. Kalinin, "who otherwise plays such a ridiculous shadow role in Stalin's Red Reich" replied to Mr. Roosevelt's message as proof that the message was the result of "pre-arranged action."

GOERING RETURNS TO BERLIN

Rome, To-day.

Field Marshal Goering left Rome for Berlin by special train yesterday afternoon, among those present to take leave of the Field Marshal and Frau Goering being Count Ciano and M. Alfieri. —Trans-Ocean.

that he had "persistently sent false and tendentious reports" on German conditions.

Recently, he sent a despatch alleging that Germany had drawn up a plan for the occupation of Holland in the event of an attack upon Germany by the Western Powers. —Trans-Ocean.

NORWAY ISSUES WARNING

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian Ministry for Trade issued a decree yesterday requiring the managements of all Norwegian shipping companies to instruct all merchant vessels voyaging in foreign waters to keep permanently in touch with the information service of the Norwegian wireless because this service will at once issue reports should the danger of war in Europe become acute. —Trans-Ocean.

YUGO-SLAVIA ENDS INTERNAL ETERNAL FEUD

Budapest, To-day.

The agreement between the Serbs and Croats provides for creation of an autonomous Croat State, with 4,500,000 inhabitants, within the framework of the Yugo-Slav State.

Control of foreign, military and financial affairs will remain with the Federal Government.

The successful negotiations mark a new epoch in the national history. — Trans-Ocean.

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NAZI GUARDS CLASH WITH RHINE PEASANTS

Siegfried Line Disturbances: Growing Friction

Fortifications Not Yet Complete

The construction of the Siegfried Line of fortifications along Germany's Western frontier has led to considerable difficulties between the Nazi authorities and the Roman Catholic peasantry of the Rhineland.

In the country districts near Cologne, black-uniformed Nazi Guards from other parts of Germany have been drafted into the fortified areas to supervise the civil population and to take precautions against espionage. Affrays between these Guards and the peasants have become an almost daily occurrence.

On one occasion a wedding party at the village of Schmidt, in the Eifel Hills, was invaded by four Guards, who demanded drinks. The peasants refused to serve them and the Nazis drew their revolvers.

The wedding guests drew their knives and a fight ensued. Seven persons were severely injured before the peasants withdrew, carrying their wounded away over the fields.

POLICE REFUSE TO ACT

The local police were called on to intervene, but refused on the pretext that the Nazi Guards had police powers.

Similar incidents are continually taking place. The peasants are growing more and more exasperated.

The introduction of some 500,000 labourers into the Rhineland to build the fortifications has brought little economic advantage to the local inhabitants. The labourers live in enormous barracks, with their own canteens, and have no money to spend in the village shops.

That even the authoritarian countries are faced with the problem of profiteering in armaments has been shown by the experience of the German authorities in the construction of the Siegfried Line.

20 PER CENT. PROFIT

Various part of the line were allotted to civil contractors, who were

MEASURES COMPLETED IN NETHERLANDS AGAINST ATTACK

London, April 10.

All frontier districts in Holland are under the absolute control of the army to a depth of 50 kilometres from the German border, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express announced to-day.

All leaves in the army and navy have been cancelled, the paper added.

Bridges have been mined and dams prepared in such a manner as to be in a position to flood one-third of the country, including Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and the Hague, within a few hours. — Havas.

allowed a profit of 20 per cent. on the value of the materials they used. The materials, however, were provided by the State, so that it was to the advantage of each contractor to be as wasteful as possible.

The result was that enormous quantities of concrete, which should have been used for the fortifications, were sold by the contractors at knock-down prices to local farmers. Now this trick has been discovered and the work of construction is being taken over directly by the military authorities.

According to information the Siegfried Line is very far from completion. It cannot be compared in strength with the French Maginot Line.

GIVING EUROPE WIDE BERTH

Washington, Apr. 11.

The State Department revealed to-day that the number of Americans travelling to Europe this coming summer will be very much lower than last year, according to the number of applications for passports. — Havas.

FORTY-THREE KILLED IN U.S. TORNADOES

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

AT LEAST 43 WERE KILLED AND 170 INJURED BY TORNADOES WHICH SWEEPED FIVE SOUTHERN STATES.

Thousands of acres in the Ohio lowlands have been submerged, and relief organisations are bringing help to the stricken areas. — Reuter.

JAPAN AND THE CHINESE OFFENSIVE

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese quarters admit that the Chinese forces have undertaken offensive movements recently but claim that such movements are now dying down and that, in any case, they actually favoured the Japanese troops since they enabled the latter to strike at large Chinese concentrations instead of previously scattered units.

The various engagements reported from Japanese sources were, however, all insignificant, involving only a small number of troops and resulting in comparatively small losses. — Trans-Ocean.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR KAIFENG

Loyang, To-day.

Fierce fighting is raging in the vicinity of Tunghsu, south of Kaifeng.

Japanese reinforcements from Chenliu and Kih sien, were cut up by Chinese units in an ambush.

In south Honan, the Chinese have started an attack on Chang-taiwan, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway north of Sinyang. They penetrated into the town by the north gate, inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese. Fierce fighting is now in progress in the outskirts. — Central News.

MOORISH TROOPS TO LEAVE SPAIN SOON

Madrid, Apr. 11.

Preparations are being made to send back home certain Moorish detachments which took part in the civil war, among Nationalist forces. Several battalions of these troops have left already for Cadiz by train, and will board vessels for Africa, their native land. — Havas.

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NEXT MOVE UP TO FRANCE

London, To-day.

New efforts are being made in France to re-open the question of a Channel tunnel between Dover and Calais.

A resolution in favour of the tunnel has been passed by the Paris Chamber of Commerce. The question has also been referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French Chamber of Deputies.

If the Channel tunnel project is successfully revived, negotiations will be conducted directly between the British and French Governments.

Supporters on both sides of the Channel are waiting for the French Government to move. For more than 50 years British opposition has held up tunnel plans. The Channel Tunnel Company almost succeeded in breaking down this opposition in 1930 when, a free vote on the tunnel resulted in a crowded House of Commons, in its rejection by a majority of no more than seven.

FIVE YEARS TO BUILD

All was then ready to re-start boring on the preliminary pilot tunnel at the point where work had been discontinued, by order of the Board of Trade, as long ago as 1882.

When work was abandoned, the experimental tunnel had been driven 2,070 yards towards France from under the Shakespeare Cliff at Dover.

It is estimated that the tunnel would cost £30,000,000 and would take four or five years to build.

The first stage would be to drive a pilot tunnel between Shakespeare Cliff at Dover, and Sangatte, a short distance south of Calais.

This pilot tunnel would afterwards serve as a drainage tunnel for the two rail tunnels, which would be driven through the chalk, side by side, and above the pilot tunnel, the three forming an inverted triangle.

It is questioned whether the pilot tunnel would, in fact, be needed for drainage, and suggestions have been made for ultimately enlarging it and using it as a road tunnel for motor traffic.

VENTILATION PROBLEM

Ventilation would be a serious problem, for although modern ventilation systems have proved entirely successful in long road tunnels, such as the one under the Mersey, engineers would have to cope with the exhaust fumes of 24 miles of traffic, if a Channel road tunnel were constructed.

Total length of the proposed rail tunnels, from mouth to mouth, would be 36 miles. They would, of course, be operated by electric trains, for goods as well as passengers.

Railway entrance to the tunnel, on the English side, would be at a point behind Folkestone, and on the France side at a point inland from Cape Gris Nez — roughly half-way between Calais and Boulogne.

ANOTHER S'HAJ POLITICAL MURDER

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

WANG HSIEN-MING, A JUNIOR OFFICIAL IN THE NANKING "REFORMED GOVERNMENT," WAS ASSASSINATED IN THE FRENCH CON-CESSION LAST NIGHT.

The body was found in an alleyway next to a popular cinema with deep knife wounds and bullet wounds.

Pinned to the clothes was a note signed by the "Society for the Termination of Traitors," accusing the victim of being a traitor. — Reuter.

NAVAL MOVES IN MEDITERRANEAN

Gibraltar, To-day.

WHILE there are now 13 French warships at Gibraltar, it is learned that practically the entire British Mediterranean Fleet is at Malta or in the vicinity.

Few British ships are at Gibraltar and they are mostly destroyers which are based locally. — Reuter.

MADAME CHIANG LEAVES COLONY

Chungking, To-day.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek was yesterday welcomed by prominent officials at the air-field here, having arrived from Hong Kong, where she had spent some time receiving dental treatment.

Madame Chiang left the Colony at 9.10 a.m. yesterday in a special plane. — Our Own Correspondent.

NEW ADMIRALTY APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.

Paymaster Captain D. S. Lambert has been appointed Paymaster Director-General with the rank of Paymaster Rear-Admiral.

He succeeds Sir Arthur Strickland, the appointment to date from July 10, 1939. — Reuter.

HITLER REVIEWS TROOPS

Vienna, To-day.

Hitler and General von Brauns-licht yesterday reviewed Austrian recruits at St. Pölten, 30 miles west of Vienna. — Reuter.

GUNS BEFORE BUTTER NAZI MEDICAL DICTUM!

Berlin, To-day.

A person eating more fat than is needed for health and strength must be classed as a traitor stealing from his fellow-countrymen!

This is according to the official organ of the German medical profession.

Exemption is made for occasional festive occasions, concedes the Nazi organ. — Reuter.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY PROCLAIMED

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler's birthday on Thursday has been declared a national holiday by order of the Minister of Interior.

The order applies also to Moravia and Bohemia. — Reuter.

DANZIG AND DER FUEHRER

Danzig, To-day.

The Nazi leader here, Foerster, is expected to offer Hitler honorary citizenship of Danzig during the celebrations in Berlin on Hitler's 50th birthday. — Reuter.

REQUIEM MASS

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain attended Requiem Mass at Westminster Cathedral yesterday morning for the Australian Premier, Mr. Joseph Lyons.

The King was represented by the Duke of Kent. — British Wire- less.

HAN RIVER CLASH

Ichang, To-day.

Over 1,000 Japanese infantrymen are stated to have fallen in bloody fighting at Heliutu, on the Han River, about 90 miles above Hankow, during the last two days. — Central News.

GERMANS TO EAT "ERSATZ EGGS" IN FUTURE

Berlin, April 10.

Since eggs, chickens' eggs, have become rare in the Reich, Germans will in future have to be content with ersatz eggs, made out of skimmed milk.

The German Farmers' Organisation made this startling announcement to-day when it declared that "milk" or "milk eggs" will soon appear on the market.

The "milk egg" will replace the genuine chicken product both in the home and in industry for it can be scrambled and fried and cooked in all the other ways that Nature's own eggs can be prepared.

The Farmers' Organisation closed with the declaration, "Three factories will take up the production of eggs in the near future." — Havas.

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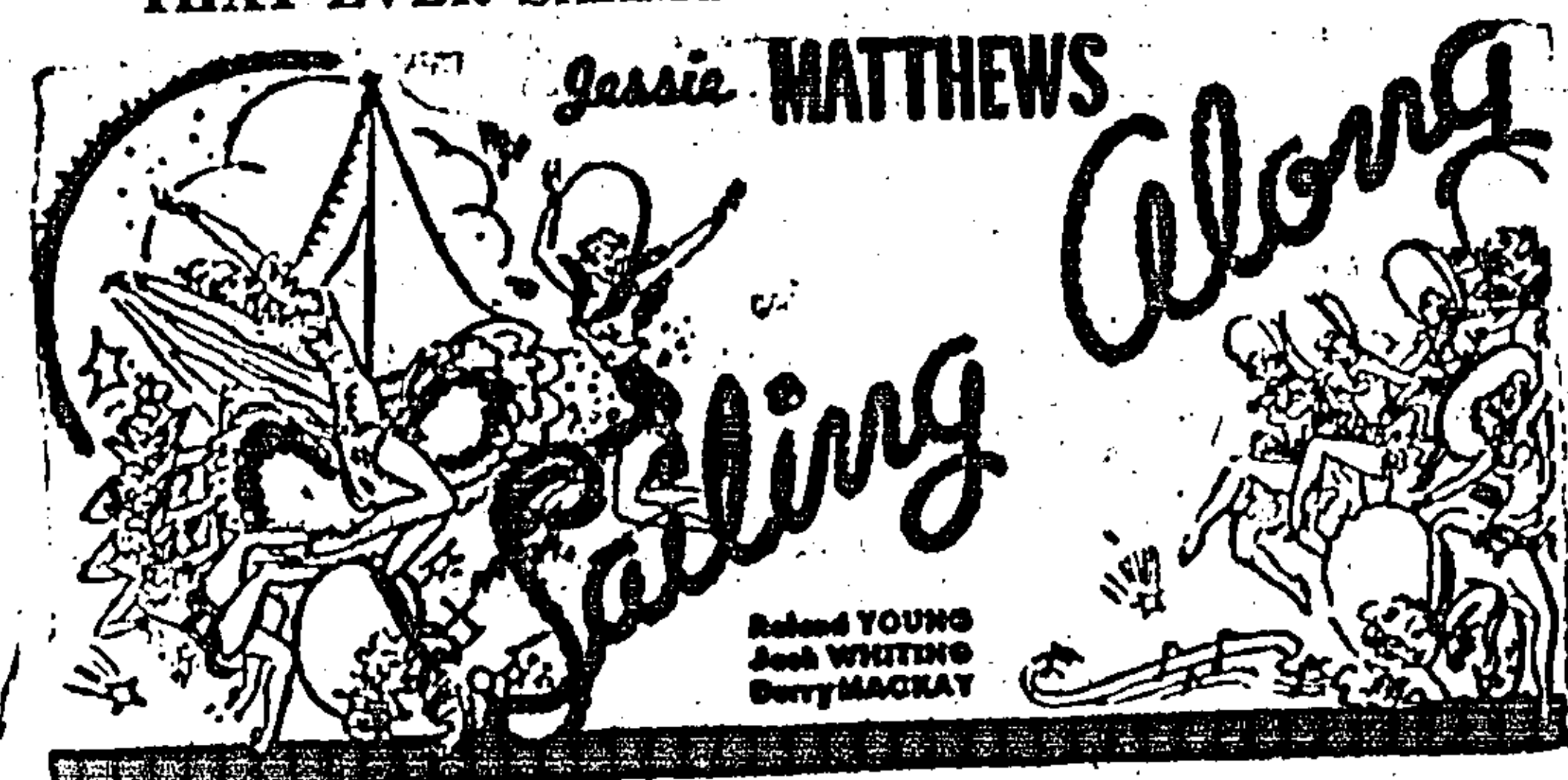
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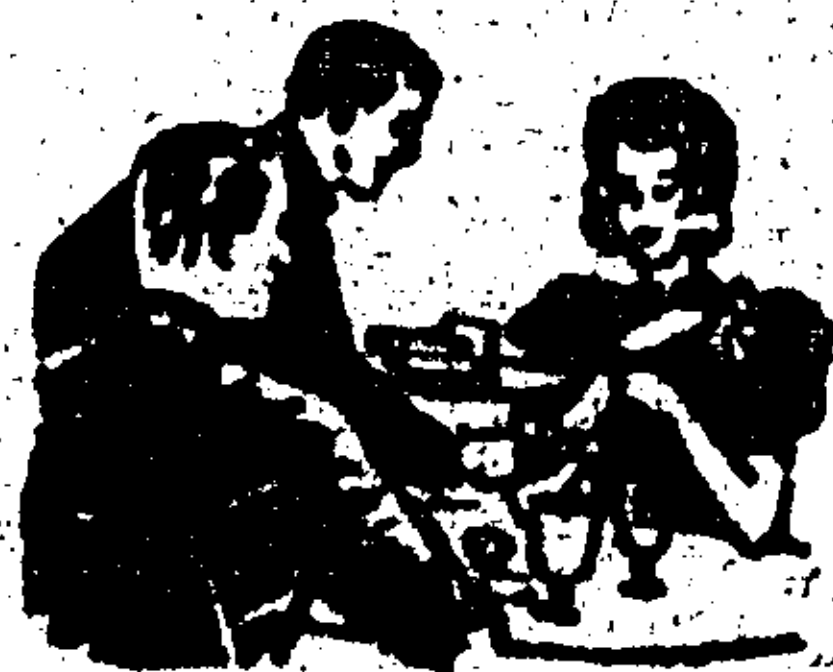
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CHIANG'S APPEAL FOR SPIRITUAL MOBILISATION

Chungking, To-day.

China is turning the war in her
favour, declared Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek in a radio address
on the National Spiritual Mobiliza-
tion Movement at Chungking last
evening.

Chiang Kai-shek said that the
superiority of spiritual strength
over material and military strength
must be fully recognised. Success
or failure of any struggle hinged
upon spiritual strength and
materials and armaments were not
the only determining factors. He
recalled the fine heroic spirit ex-
emplified by small parties of Chin-
ese troops resisting for days much
larger enemy units.

It should be asked whether those
holding responsible positions have
fulfilled their responsibilities,
whether those of ability have made
use of their ability, whether activi-
ties at the front and in the rear
have been co-ordinated, whether all
thoughts, words and actions have
been directed to the welfare of the
State and the prime object of final
victory, whether the action of every
Chinese is true to his word, whether
every Chinese is taking part in re-
sistance with unswerving deter-
mination, whether confidence in the
ultimate victory has been injected in-
to every Chinese mind, whether
traitors have been convinced of
China's mighty power of resistance,
and whether the life of every Chin-
ese is fulfilling wartime require-
ments.

NO-USELESS THINKING

As the present moment represents
the most important stage of China's
resistance, there must be no indul-
gence in useless thinking or waste
of energy or time.

Urging the Chinese people to
elevate their spirit, the Generalissi-
mo predicted that the Chinese Re-
public, reconstructed on the basis
of the Three Principles of the Peo-
ple after the war is over, would be
a glorious and progressive nation
truly dedicated to the principle of
government of the people, by the
people and for the people and con-
tributory to the welfare of mankind.
—Central News.

'INNOCENT' VICTIM

For unlawful possession of 40,650
heroin pills, Li Yuen was sentenced
to three years' hard labour by
Sir Atholl MacGregor this morn-
ing.

Accused denied that the pills were
his and declared that he had been
engaged as a cook for only three
days.

After evidence, accused was
found guilty by the jury.

Ho Leung-sang was admitted to
the Queen Mary Hospital with in-
juries to his head and shoulder,
received when he was knocked down
by a lorry in Queen's Road Central
yesterday.

Twenty-two-years-old Ho Kam-
fung, was admitted to the Queen
Mary Hospital yesterday suffering
from opium poisoning. She died at
about 2.30 a.m. this morning.

CHINESE OFFENSIVE IN SHANSI

Sian, To-day.

Reports of favourable progress
in the Chinese offensive in
Shansi continue to be received.

Sanguinary fighting is raging
in the neighbourhood of Anyi,
Yuncheng, Chiehshien and Yicheng,
toward which the Chinese are
steadily pressing. The units ad-
vancing on Chiehshien are report-
ed to have reached the outskirts of
the town. The southern and
western suburbs of Yicheng are
controlled by the Chinese.—Central
News.

TOOK ROPE AND POLES TO STEAL SAFE

"The impertinence in this case
almost takes one's breath away,"
commented the Chief Justice, Sir
Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal
Sessions this morning sentencing
two Chinese, Suen Ying and Chan
On, to three years' hard labour for
attempting to rob a woman, Ng
Hau-ying, and for breaking into her
residence with intent to rob.

At the Magistracy, it was reveal-
ed that accused took with them
poles and rope with the intention of
stealing the safe.

BOY CATCHES THIEF

"I would like to commend you for
your courage," said Mr. E. Hims-
worth this morning to a 14-year-
old student, John Amy, of No. 165
Sai Yee Street, who had helped to
catch a thief.

Defendant, Chu Yiu, 23, was seen
taking iron from the doorstep
where it had been placed. The
alarm was raised and accused was
caught in Prince Edward Road by
the student. Defendant was sen-
tenced to 6 weeks' hard labour.

CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP

Mr. H. da Luz, was summoned
before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this
morning, for failing to notify
the change of ownership of his
car.

Traffic Sergt. Sargeant said a
report was made to the Police that
the car, No. 177, had knocked down
a blind man. The Police tracing
the owner, found that defendant
had not reported the change.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.
Kam Chung-yan, was fined \$15
for a similar offence.

Admitting that he had uttered 28
\$5 notes of the Kwangtung Provin-
cial Bank Wai Wing-hung was
sentenced to two years' hard labour
by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Mac-
Gregor, at the Criminal Sessions
this morning.

Italo-Hungarian Negotiations

Budapest, To-day.

THE visit to Rome of the Hungarian Premier and Foreign Minister is said by the Rome correspondent of "Eati Ujsag" to assume, in the view of Italian political circles, particular importance on account of the existing European tension.

Those circles, the correspondent says, point out that the visit of the Hungarian statesmen takes place at a moment of great historic importance just as was the case with the first visit to Rome of the late Hungarian Premier, Goemboes, during the Abyssinian war.

The correspondent adds that Italian political circles stress that "Italy is now engaged in a struggle for peace," which is, perhaps, still more difficult than the diplomatic and military campaign preceding the conquest of Abyssinia and the foundation of the Imperium. Under these circumstances, the visit of Count Teleki and Count Csaky, is all the more welcome as a proof of the solidity of Hungarian friendship for Italy.

YUGO-SLAVIAN RELATIONS

The most important theme of discussion will, it is expected, be the problem of Central Europe, includ-

ing the Italian plan for consolidating Italy's relations with Yugoslavia.

This consolidation, according to the correspondent, implies final settlement of relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia.

The correspondent opines that relations between Hungary and Rumania will likewise be discussed at length. Another subject of discussion will be certain questions affecting the future development of economic and cultural relations between Italy and Hungary.—Trans-Ocean.

MINISTERS DEPART

The Prime Minister, Count Teleki, and the Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, left this morning for Rome to pay the official visit planned some time ago. They were accompanied by the Italian Minister in Budapest, Count Vinci.—Trans-Ocean.

WAR FOOD PLAN THEFT

IMPORTANT PAPERS RELATING TO BRITAIN'S FOOD DEFENCE PLANS IN TIME OF WAR HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM AN UNATTENDED MOTOR-CAR IN GREAT RUSSELL-STREET, LONDON. A HOME OFFICE OFFICIAL LEFT THE PAPERS IN A SMALL BROWN LEATHER ATTACHE-CASE IN HIS CAR WHEN PARKING NEAR THE KERB.

When he returned the case was missing.

He notified Tottenham Court-road Police Station and within a few minutes a message was flashed to every police station and to police patrol cars in the Metropolitan area warning them of the robbery.

Great secrecy has been maintained by the police, but the papers, issued by the Home Office, are of the greatest importance.

CASE ALONE STOLEN

Only the attache-case was taken from the car.

C.I.D. men examined the car for fingerprints, and police have been seeking other clues to the thieves, but so far there is no trace of the documents.

Two weeks ago important Air Ministry papers disappeared from a parked car at Cavendish-square. They have not yet been recovered, although M.I.5 men co-operated with Scotland Yard detectives.

The papers belonged to a wing-commander attached to the Air Ministry. His name was not disclosed.

AN INVITATION AND CHALLENGE

Sir,—The "invitation" to returned students to accept chauffeur jobs appearing in your "Sunday Herald" on April 16 reads in part, "Returned students, doctors of law . . . make excellent drivers."

The invitation is a gross insult to the intelligence of the Hong Kong public, but we returned students consider it merely as a comic farce. I remember some time ago two teams in a city in South China were engaged in a debate on a question of great public importance. The losing team, realising the hopelessness of their chance to win the debate by intellectual means, resorted to tricks, and all members put on monkey caps and monkey tails: they acted in such way that they looked exactly like monkeys. Indeed the prank did make an interesting public spectacle, the team lost the case just the same. The invitation in question is one of those monkey tricks to divert the attention of the Hong Kong public from the real issue.

It goes to show further that the officials in the Central Government treat every public question as a joke. Their mental make-up is such that they believe that any person is fit for any job. That is why we find in the administration so many round pegs in square holes. No wonder the terrible mess!

Faithfully yours,
P. K. CHUN.

[Mr. Chun is guilty of several errors. The invitation emanated from a disinterested foreign source as the result of an urgent appeal from the foreign leader of a large Red Cross unit. Drivers employed by the doctor for the ambulances were filched by a transportation company paying higher wages, and urgently needed ambulances have been immobilised. The appeal was seriously put forward in the hope that it might arouse a sense of patriotism among persons who would be immune to the attraction of pecuniary advantage, for the sake of an humanitarian ideal. Men, not chauffeurs, were asked for.

The invitation has nothing whatever to do with governments nor is there anything in it for individuals inspired only with a sense of grievance.—(Ed. C. M. and S. H.).

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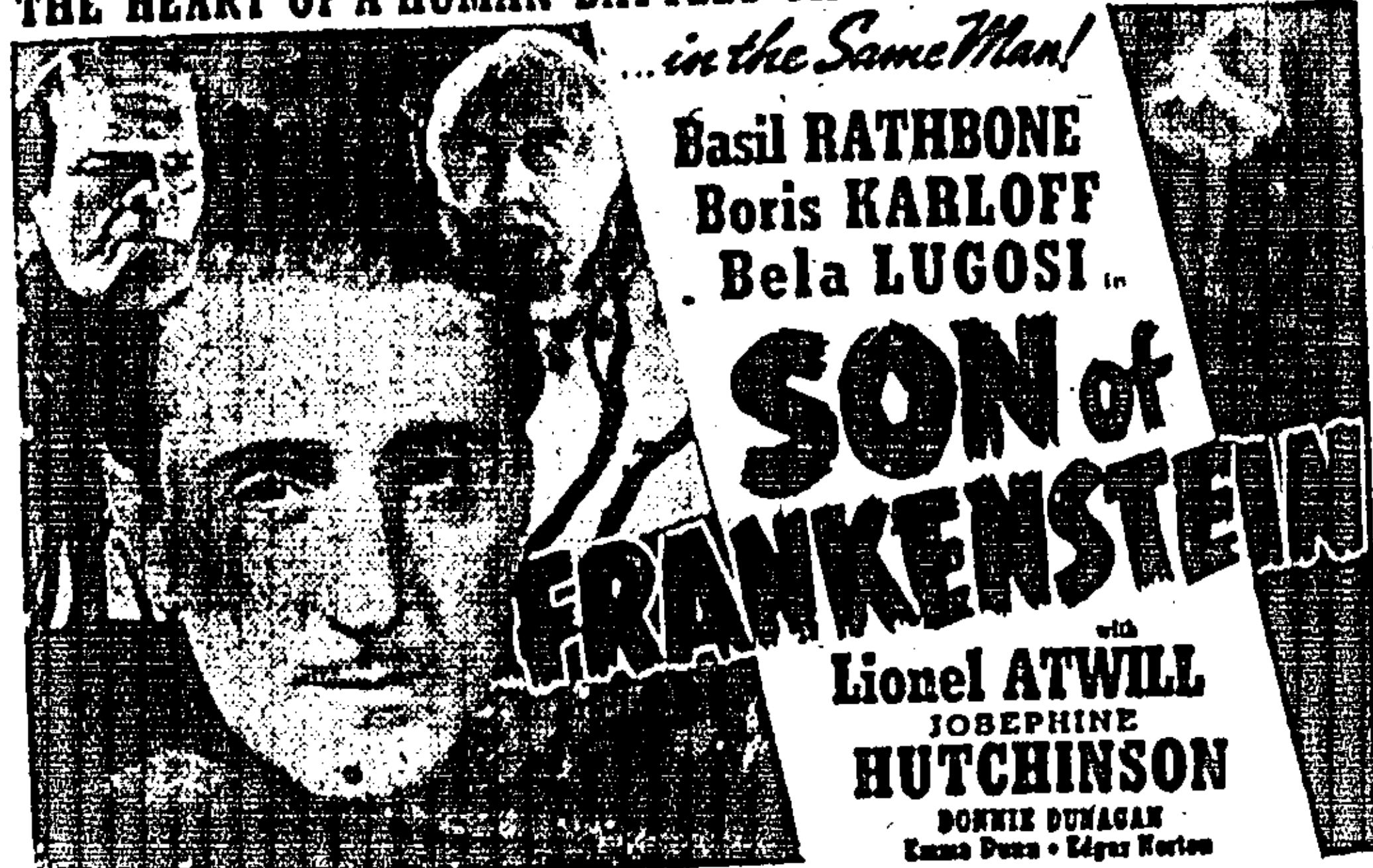
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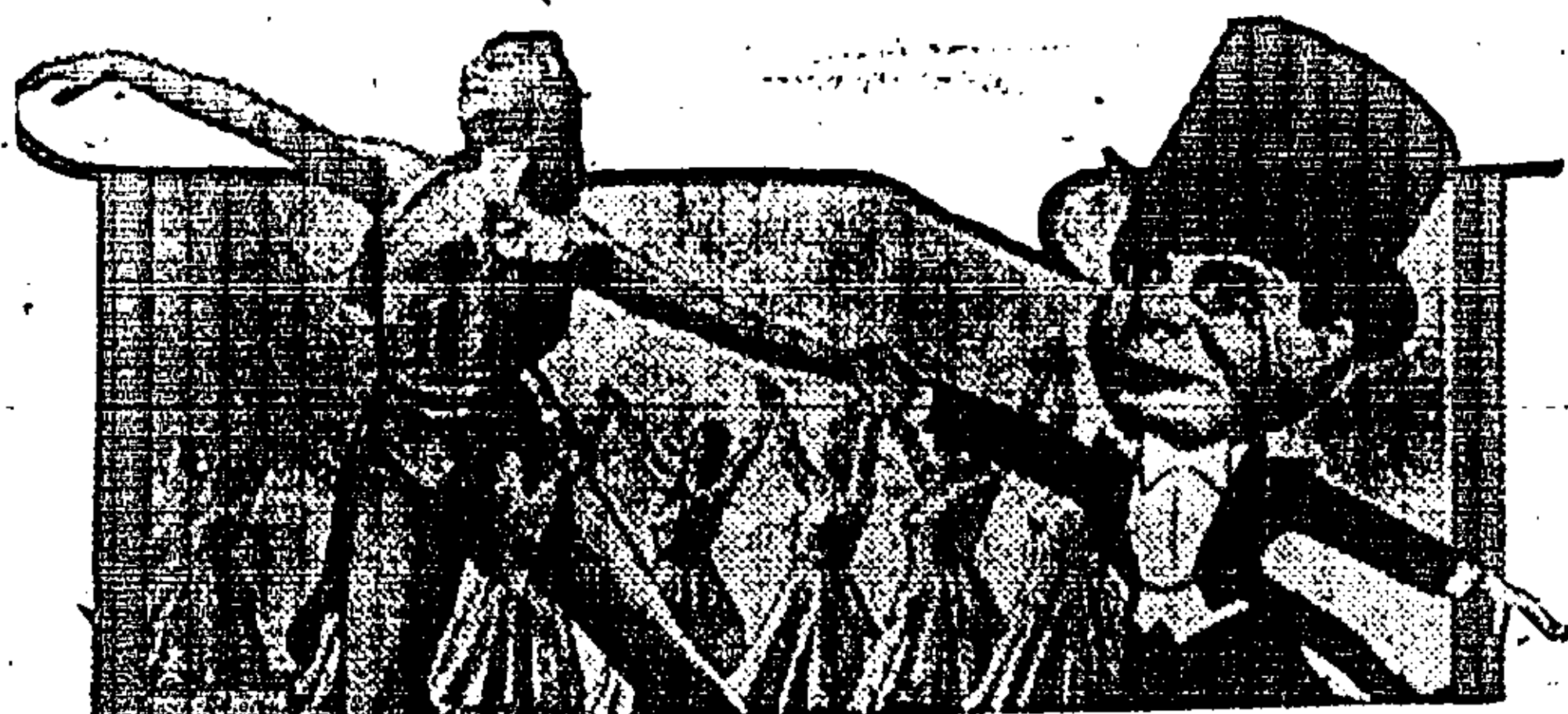


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M. GAFENCU CALCULATING ON NOT TOO COMFORTABLE INTERVIEW IN BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

WHEN the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, arrives here to-day he will be expected to explain to Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, the exact position about Britain's guarantee.

It is possible he will be asked to give an assurance that the guarantee will remain one-sided.

It is gathered in Rumanian circles here that M. Gafencu's answer will be that Rumania must welcome any guarantee of her frontiers by anyone.

He will also make it clear that Rumania will not consider any frontier revisions at her expense.

TRADE TALKS

The visit was originally arranged in connection with the German-Rumanian trade treaty, and this will occupy the bulk of the discussions.

Hitler will receive M. Gafencu to-morrow (Wednesday) morning.

Rumanian circles here say that M. Gafencu is not going to Paris or London. — Reuter.

BECK'S TALK WITH GAFENCU

Warsaw, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, travelled to Cracow to greet his Rumanian colleague, M. Gafencu, who is on his way to Berlin.

The two Foreign Ministers continued their journey together as far as Kattowitz which afforded them the opportunity of a conversation lasting over one hour.

M. Gafencu will spend Monday night in Brésław from where he will proceed to-day to Berlin. — Trans-Ocean.

PLAYED TRICK ON FRIEND

AN 18-YEAR-OLD STUDENT, LUK KWAN-PUI, WAS BROUGHT BEFORE MR. R. A. D. FORREST THIS MORNING, CHARGED WITH OBTAINING JEWELLERY AND CLOTHING BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Det.-Sergt. Cashman told the Court that defendant was a friend of complainant and her husband. On March 25, the husband went to Canton. Defendant went to the house, and said he was instructed by her husband to take a suit of clothing to Canton.

At about 7 p.m. on March 31, he went again and said her husband owed him \$50, which he wanted refunded. Defendant was given a gold wrist-watch, a gold finger ring, and a metal wrist chain.

Defendant later obtained \$10, when he told complainant that her husband needed the money.

Defendant was fined \$30 or 12 weeks' hard labour, and ordered to pay \$100 compensation or serve a further two months.

PARLIAMENT MEETS AGAIN TO-DAY

London, To-day.

PARLIAMENT re-assembles to-day after the Easter recess, and a week later, on April 25, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will open his Budget.

Questions to be addressed to Ministers in the Commons to-day cover a wide field permitting of statements upon all developments of importance in foreign and Empire affairs and at home.

The Prime Minister in particular will be given an opportunity to acquaint the House with the progress of negotiations in relation to the new situation in Europe, and with the views of the Government on events since the debate last Thursday.

PEACE MESSAGE

He will be asked about President Roosevelt's peace message and about the discussions with the Soviet Government, which are understood to be proceeding in a friendly and promising atmosphere.

The return of the Russian Ambassador in London to report to his Government shows the desire on their part to be possessed of all information available to them in connection with these important consultations.

Other Commons questions on foreign affairs relate to Spain and the Far East. — British Wireless.

COALITION SYSTEM GROWS

Paris, To-day.

A POLITICAL commentator, writing in the newspaper "Intransigeant," says: "It is expected that from Tuesday, Paris and London will be in a position to announce that the guarantee extended to Poland, Rumania and Greece, includes Turkey."

"The system will be completed by an agreement with the Soviet which may be made official by the middle of the week." — Reuter.

RUMANIA AGREES TO ACCEPT SOVIET AID

Applies Not Only To Air But Passage Of Troops

Important Accord Now Nearing Conclusion

Paris, To-day.

"Well-informed quarters" state that Rumania has agreed to Soviet aid if the need arises. Acceptance applies not only an air pact but the passage of troops through Rumanian territory.

However, commenting on the "most excellent manner" in which the negotiations are proceeding with Rumania and Poland in connection with the defensive system in Eastern Europe "authorised quarters" point out that these are not yet completed.

It would be premature, say these "authorised quarters," to make any announcement in regard to the negotiations. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S TRADE IN FIRST QUARTER

London, To-day.

United Kingdom exports in March were valued at £41,634,577 compared with £42,155,373 a year ago.

Imports amounted to £77,976,374 against £84,853,649 and re-exports to £4,923,288 against £5,468,269.

Figures for the first quarter of the year were: imports £218,543,318 — a decrease of £26,741,727 on the same period of last year and of £11,399,275 on the same period of 1937.

Exports £119,129,085 — a decrease of £1,740,854 on last year and of £1,991,531 on 1937.

Re-exports £14,284,658 — a decrease of £1,507,531 on last year and of £4,468,177 on 1937.

The fall of £1,740,854 in exports for the first quarter compared with the same period last year was entirely accounted for by manufactured goods, for which there was a decline of £2,313,741 offset by the increase in food, drink and tobacco.

IRON EXPORTS DOWN

Largest single item of the decrease was iron and steel and manufactures thereof — £2,959,674, and next came cotton yarns and manufactures — £1,585,373.

Coal showed a fall of £409,708, although there was an increase of £959,876 compared with 1937.

Among manufactured goods which showed an increase was vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft — a rise of £2,941,447 against the first three months of 1938. — British Wire-less.

VON GRONAU'S SUCCESSOR

Berlin, To-day.

Field Marshal Goering has, it is announced, appointed Flight General Zander to be President of the German Aero Club in place of the famous aviator, Lieutenant Colonel Wolfgang von Gronau, who had occupied the post for many years.

Von Gronau will leave shortly for Tokyo to take up his duties as Air Attache to the German Embassy. — Trans-Ocean.

NEW BRITISH PROPOSALS FOR PALESTINE

Beirut, To-day.

The new British proposals for settlement of the Palestine question, it is stated here, find the British Government prepared to reduce the duration of the transition period from ten to five years and to agree to cessation of Jewish immigration into Palestine after five years.

According to Arab circles, the British Government is willing to see a National Government established in Palestine immediately after the termination of insurrection.

The proposals, however, contain no mention of prohibition of the sale of land to the Jews and the Grand Mufti's willingness to negotiate is conditional on the introduction of such a measure.

British press reports the virtual collapse of the insurrectionary movement. — Trans-Ocean.

KITCHEN ROOF COLLAPSES

The roof of the kitchen of No. 2, Yuen Fook Lane, first floor, collapsed this morning at 8.30 a.m. while the inmates were preparing the morning meal.

An aged woman, Fung Sze, was slightly injured and admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

HUNGARIAN LINEUP WITH AXIS

Budapest, To-day.

The Hungarian Premier and Foreign Minister will return to Budapest from Rome on Saturday and will leave for Berlin on Friday, April 28.

They will stay four days in Berlin. — Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH CABINET CALLED

Paris, To-day.
A Council of Ministers or a full Cabinet meeting will be held to-day (Tuesday) under President Lebrun to discuss the international situation. — Reuter.

CINEMA SEATS RACKET

A racket, in the booking of good cinema seats for re-sale was disclosed at Kowloon this morning when Chau Tak-lam, 17, was charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen with assault.

Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuting, said that quite a lot of fights and troubles occurred at booking offices in various cinemas.

Chau was seen assaulting a man, who was booking two tickets and was accompanied by his wife, at the Kun Chung Theatre yesterday.

Ten dollars were in Chau's possession when he was brought into the station but he would not put them as "bail," as apparently the money was his capital.

Chau was placed on a \$10 bond and ordered to pay \$1, as amends, to the complainant.

PUNISHMENT ENOUGH

EMPLOYEE OF A WELL-KNOWN FIRM, CHAN KWONG, 52, APPEARED BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING AT KOWLOON CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF 50 HEROIN PILLS.

Mr. C. D'Almada appeared for defendant.

Mr. D'Almada, pleading guilty, said accused was employed by a firm which he would not publicly disclose as the accused might lose his position. He handed the name, in writing, to the Magistrate.

Accused had, said Mr. D'Almada, been detained for over a week, and had lost money over this trouble because his salary was \$2.70 a day and he had not received any pay during his detention.

Mr. D'Almada said accused had no intention of selling the pills. He bought them for his own use. "You have had enough punishment and I am satisfied with Mr. D'Almada's suggestion," but I would advise you to get rid of this bad habit," remarked Mr. Macfadyen when he placed the accused on a \$25 bond.

FRENCH LABOUR ASSURANCES

Paris, To-day.

M. Leon Jouhaux, Leader of the French Trades Union Congress, has promised the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, the unconditional support of his organisation.

CROATS MAKE PEACE IN YUGO-SLOVIA

Zagreb, To-day.

The Yugo-Slav Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Croatian opposition leader, M. Matchek, announce that they have reached an agreement on a basis for discussion of the Croatian autonomy problem.

The agreement will referred to the parties concerned, after which M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Matchek will hold a further meeting, probably this week.

It is emphasised that once important territorial questions are settled, a Government could be formed representing the Government Party, the Croats and the Serbian opposition Party. — Reuter.

DRUG ON A BUS

Alleged to have had many packets of powders, used in the manufacture of heroin pills, Cheng Tai, a 33-year-old woman, was this morning charged at Kowloon with possession of dangerous drugs.

Revenue Officer Ahearne, prosecuting, said accused was searched aboard a No. 9 Bus at Jordan Road on April 17, by a Chinese female revenue officer.

The case was adjourned for a week.

CANADIAN OIL SUPPLIES

London, To-day.

England is about to secure for her defence forces increased supplies of mineral oil from Canada.

A delegation of Canadian mineral oil experts arrived in Liverpool from Canada yesterday to confer with the representatives of the British War and other Ministries about deliveries. — Trans-Ocean.

REFUGEES AT KAM TIM

The number of refugees at Kam Tin Camp increased from 3,582 to 4,037 between April 8 and 15 as a result of disturbances over the border.

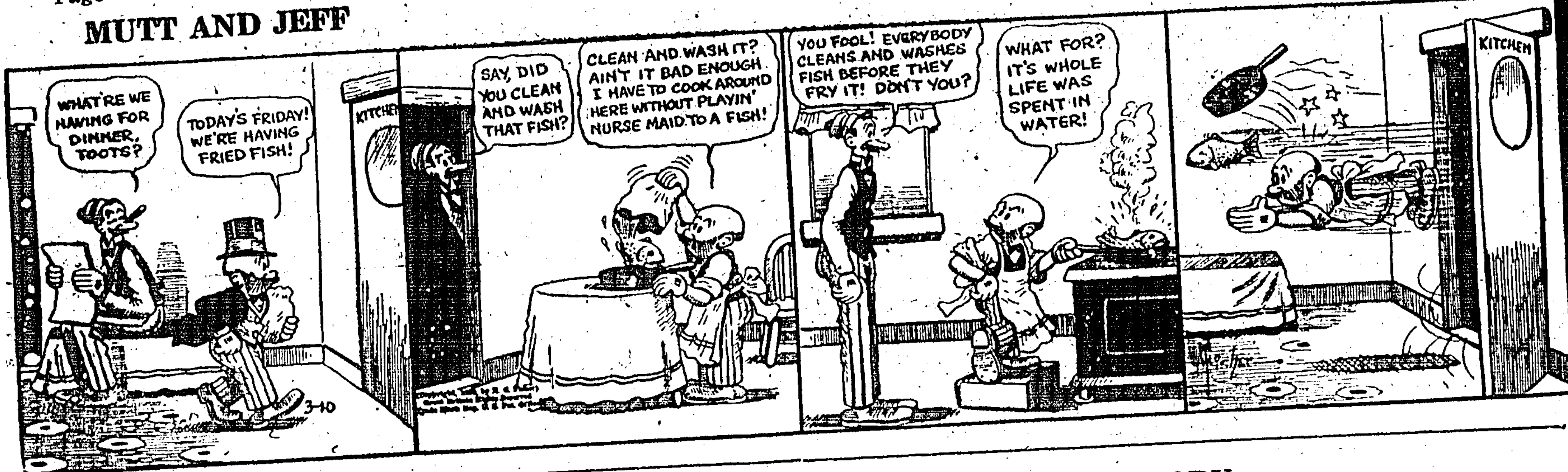
A number of those who fled to British territory have, however, since returned.

VISIT ENDS

Warsaw, To-day.

The visit to Rome of the Polish Minister for Industry and Trade ended yesterday. The Minister, who has just returned, had several conversations with members of the Italian Government and was received by Pope Pius XII. — Trans-Ocean.

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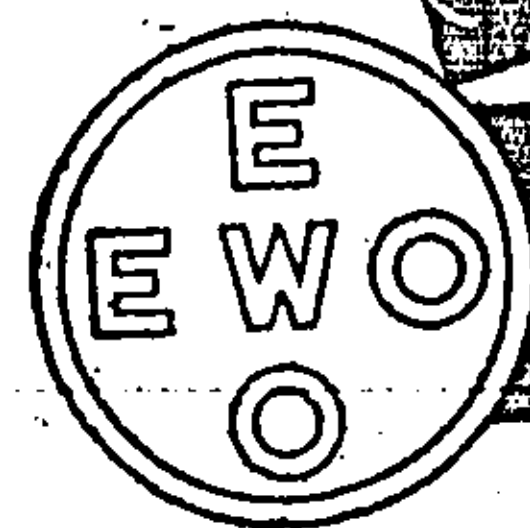
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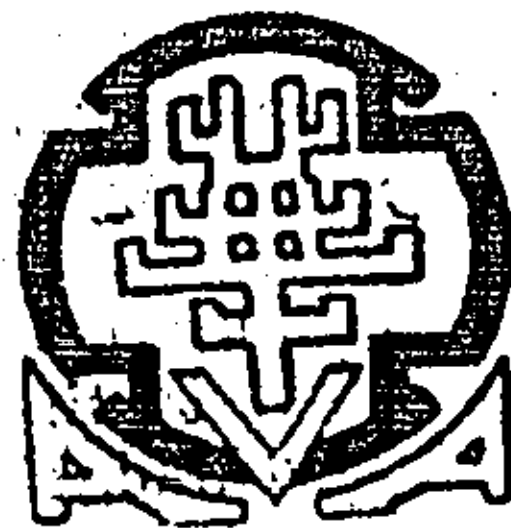
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TRUE LOVE

TERESA said: "I'll marry you, Jack. But there's something I must tell you first." "It won't matter," Jack said. "Nothing you could say would matter, except that you'll marry me." "This will. It's about another man. I loved him so much it hurt. That's why I came down here, to forget." She made a little hopeless gesture. "It hasn't done much good."

Moonlight streamed down through the palm fronds. The warm, breathless night was heavy with the fragrance of hibiscus. Little noises were plainly audible. Close at hand, the rustle of some insect in the shrubbery. Crickets. The sleepy warbling of some strange bird.

"You still love him?" Jack asked. "I don't know." She looked at him miserably. "Oh, Jack, that's why it wouldn't be fair to marry you." She conjured a mirthless smile. "He turned me down for a blonde. At first I thought I never would recover. It took courage to come down to this little far-away island. At first I was sure I'd take the first boat back. But I didn't. It went on for weeks. Then I met you. Things changed. Darling, I do love you. But it's different. I'm afraid I'm afraid of what might happen when and if I see him." She looked at him squarely. "You're so good and fine, Jack. And I'm not! It wouldn't be everything and anything. She loved Jack. She was his wife. She owed him more than she could ever hope to repay.

And for a month Teresa knew a joy greater than she had ever believed possible. Jack's friends were kind and sincere in their warmth and friendliness. She adapted herself to her new life with an ease that indicated her perfect suitability to it.

And then one day the inevitable happened. She had driven into a filling station on the outskirts of town. Another car drove in beside her. A voice called a cheery hello. Her heart leaped. It was Jerry. Jerry Morton. More handsome than ever. More careless of manner and charming of speech. More completely the man she had once loved than before she went away.

It was three days later that Jack came home looking grave. "Honey, I've some bad news. One of those things has happened. Unless a miracle appears on the scene, I'm sunk. I've gambled the family fortune and lost."

She stared at him. "Oh, Jack, I'm so sorry. Is there anything I can do?" "Nothing but continue to look as adorable as you do right this minute." He kissed her. "Don't worry. We'll keep our heads above water somehow." But he didn't. For a week Jack said nothing more, but the lines in his face deepened. Teresa knew that business fair."

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

Jack Addison placed his hands on her shoulders. His eyes were sober and intense. "I'll take a chance, darling. I love you."

"No, Jack, it isn't right. I—I—it would make a difference if you weren't rich."

He laughed at that. "Well, of course! It would to me too. I couldn't be happy unless I could give you things."

They were married beneath the palms on a bright, clear day, with the blue Atlantic for a background and the hills towering above them and the sound of breaking waves for music. When the final words were pronounced and Jack took her into his arms she wondered why she had ever been afraid. She knew it was impossible for anyone to be any happier.

It was not until a week later when they took a boat going north that she learned where they were going to live. "The family homestead" in Ashmont. "We might as well occupy it, since there's no one else. You'll love the old place; it's only two hops and a jump from Philadelphia, where I make a pretence of conducting a brokerage business."

A sharp little lance of fear pricked Teresa. This was ironic. Ashmont was the neighbouring town to Fairlawn, and it was in Fairlawn that Jerry lived. Was it an omen? Was she to be put to the test sooner than she expected? It would be impossible for them to live in adjoining towns without meeting eventually. Thank heaven Jack didn't know his name or identity.

The "old homestead" was, as Teresa suspected it would be, a fine old mansion with rolling acres and gardens and shade trees. Steeped in the finest traditions of a famous old family, its very environment provoked a sense of security, of peace and joy and quiet living.

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MR. DE VALERA FORESEES DISASTROUS WAR

Dublin, To-day.

The aim of the Eire Government policy is to maintain and preserve its neutrality in the case of war, declared the Eire Premier, M. Eamonn de Valera, speaking at Ennis, County Clare, yesterday.

"The desire of the Irish people and Government," he stated, "is to keep the nation out of war."

"The only way to secure our aim is to put ourselves in the best position to defend ourselves, so that no-one can hope to attack us or violate our territory with impunity."

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HALF MILLION TROOPS IN VICTORY MARCH

Madrid, To-day.

Over 500,000 troops will take part in the Madrid victory parade date of which has now been provisionally fixed for May 15. The parade will officially mark the end of the civil war, and General Franco is expected to make an important speech.—Reuter.

FINLAND SENDS TRADE DELEGATION

London, To-day.

A trade delegation from Finland arrived in London yesterday for a stay of about a fortnight, in the course of which they will have discussions with British industrialists and will pay visits to many big industrial centres in the provinces.

The delegation was entertained to luncheon in the city by the Anglo-Finnish section of the London Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking at the lunch, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, referred to his recent visit to Finland and said the welcome he received there he took to be a token of the very friendly feelings which the Finnish people entertained for the United Kingdom.

He gave an assurance that the Government would follow with the closest attention the talks which the delegation would have while in Great Britain.—British Wireless.

His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, inspected the new Central Market at 11 a.m. to-day.

The market is scheduled to open on May 1.

PRIVATE AUDIENCE OF ITALIAN KING

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE NEW ALBANIAN PRIME MINISTER, VERLACH, WAS AGAIN GIVEN AN AUDIENCE YESTERDAY BY THE KING. THIS AUDIENCE WAS OF A PRIVATE NATURE.

Before this meeting, the Albanian delegation visited workmen's houses in the neighbourhood of Rome and also the Forum Mussolini, where 15,000 youths gave demonstrations of defence sports.

On Sunday night, Signor Starace, Secretary of the Fascist Party, will go to Tirana, the Albanian capital to found the Fascist Party of Albania and a Fascist youth organization.

To examine the necessity for a further constructive work, Starace will be accompanied by the Italian Minister for Public Works. — Trans-Ocean.

Story Of School Landslide Horror

Berne, Apr. 10.

Five lives were lost, eleven people were more or less seriously injured and twelve were still missing this evening when a boarding-school housing 28 persons in all was buried under huge rocks in a landslide at Fiduz, near Flims, Grisons Canton this morning. Among the victims are both adults and children, because a number of parents came to visit their children on the occasion of the Easter holidays.

TERRIBLE SIGHT

It was at 11.45 a.m. that the residents of the village of Fiduz, on the southern slopes of the Glaris Alps, heard thunderous noises rumbling along Mt. Flimmerstein, where rock and landslides occur every spring.

To-day's noise was especially loud and when the cloud of dust finally dissipated, horrified residents of the little village looked on a terrible sight.

Where there had been the Sonnehuesli boarding-school, there was nothing but a waste of crumbled piled-up rocks, covering a stretch of ground 300 metres broad.

Rocks the size of houses had tumbled down on the school, which was completely submerged under the stones.

MORE SLIDES

Help was immediately requested from Flims, where the alarm-bell was sounded. Rescue squads, specially provided for the occasion,

were rushed to the scene. Firemen, police, soldiers, nurses and volunteers set to work and by nightfall succeeded in digging out the eleven injured persons and the five dead. Twelve were still missing.

Sounds of other, more distant landslides continued to rend the mountain silence as stones loosened from their positions by melting winter snows tumbled down the alpine slopes.—Havas.



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THE DILEMMA OF THE AXIS

Europe to-day is immersed in a political crisis closely reminiscent of that of July, 1914. The parallel can be drawn from the generality of the apparent German threat, from the manifest worthlessness of existing treaties and from the circumstances that those who are harmonising for resistance to aggression must contend with a spirit which has lately taken on all the evidences of fanatical passion. Normal assessments are quite impossible. Hitler's assurances having proved untrue, his intentions can be judged only by his actions; so much so that even a sudden apparently innocent trip into Austria arouses speculation.

It is in these circumstances that from the United States, where Britain's disposition to conceal the imminence of the danger to world peace is not readily shared, there has come President Roosevelt's dramatic challenge.

It is a challenge; as well as an invitation. It requests of Germany and Italy an absolute guarantee that any policy of aggression will be abandoned for at least ten years; it justly infers that if 10 years can be agreed upon, so can 25 years. It defines every country in Europe under shadow of the Totalitarian menace and requests an unequivocal assurance concerning each and every one of them. Paramountly, it creates for Hitler and Mussolini a dilemma which the policy they have pursued in the past three years alone has been possible and significant.

The challenge is plain. Are the Dictator countries for peace or for war? Are they prepared to sink what grievances they entertain as demanding remedy, in return for a guarantee that a serious attempt will be made, internationally, to discover a new and happier basis for international intercourse?

No more dramatic stroke in the cause of peace has ever been made. No more effective wea-

pon could have been employed to rally world opinion at one of the most critical hours in world history, with the onus so astutely placed upon the disturbers of confidence to declare themselves one way or another. It can save the peace. If it fails, the consciences of the democracies are clear.

There is grave reason to fear, at this moment, that it will fail. It is impossible to predict how the transfer of the American Fleet to the Pacific will influence whatever Tokyo was busily hatching last week. But in Europe, the critical balance plainly remains. German reception of President Roosevelt's invitation is far from encouraging. No generosity of spirit has gone out to meet the American President at any point. The President's motive has been deliberately misconstrued. The offer of a peace conference before the war is given scant attention. Inferentially denoting unwillingness to abandon schemes of conquest, the appeal is seen only as an attempt to put Germany in the wrong before she acts.

In a nutshell, for all the Nazi press may argue, the test of the next few days is whether Hitler and Mussolini are amenable to reason. Unfortunately, no confidence can be felt that the answer will be in the affirmative. Hitler's mood may possibly be misunderstood; but all his actions deny his willingness to accept voluntarily any restraints. He will strike wherever his notion of German interest renders it advisable, and where he considers it feasible, entirely regardless of rights hitherto recognised in civilised society. His appeal to those rights in the past has been revealed as camouflage—he will probably appeal to them again in the hope of deceiving not other nations, but his own.

American confidential reports tend to show plans for simultaneous action by Burgos, Rome, Berlin and Tokyo. Japan has suddenly been presented with material for reconsideration far more influential perhaps than a Roosevelt appeal. The fleet movement is language readily understood, even when the phraseology of a bid for peaceful readjustment of world problems can be distorted.

If, therefore, the Roosevelt appeal is rejected, on any pretext, or ignored, there can be no burking one stark truth. To avert the catastrophe rushing at Europe, one course only is left: to marshal with energy and resolution such a solid coalition against the threat that the Axis will shrink from the plunge.

It is not true, or need not be true, that (as the German official radio recently proclaimed) "the era of the western democracies is ended. Germany is entitled to act as she considers expedient."

But words and protests alone will not serve. Britain's decision must be to stand firm, not merely as a member of a coalition of peace-loving countries, but in Europe, as its leader and organiser.

HITLER MAY MAKE COUNTER-PROPOSALS

Expected To Be Tantamount To Out And Out Rejection

MAISKY CALLED TO MOSCOW

London, To-day.
The Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Ivan Maisky, has been called to Moscow for consultations, according to the late edition of the "Daily Telegraph." — Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY WANTS CHANCE TO IMPOSE A REAL "PEACE"

Berlin, To-day.
The "Völkischer Beobachter" dealing with President Roosevelt's message points out that this document is now welcomed in France and England as a desire for a peaceful settlement.

It must be recalled that Germany, years ago, on various occasions, made proposals for general appeasement going much further than President Roosevelt's message. What would the U.S. have said 100 years ago, if the King of Prussia had requested the U.S. President to guarantee Mexico, and how would a protest of the Kaiser have been received in America when the Spanish colonies were "stolen" in 1898.

The "Montag," says that President Roosevelt, after having carried on a two years' campaign of hatred against Germany, thus spoiling many possibilities for appeasement, now denies Germany the right to bring about a real peace.—Trans-Ocean.

AXIS POLICY SETTLED IN ROME TALK

Rome, To-day.
Details concerning Field-Marshal Goering's political discussions with Mussolini are difficult to obtain.

It is known, however, that all questions of mutual interest to Italy and Germany were reviewed.

Political circles think the pending meeting of the Italian and Yugo-Slav Foreign Ministers in Venice, Italy's Mediterranean policy and the Anglo-Italian Pact, occupied a prominent part in the talks.

It is not believed that much time was devoted to President Roosevelt's message. — Trans-Ocean.

Berlin, To-day.
Impression in political circles is that Hitler will make some sort of counter-proposal to President Roosevelt when he gives his reply to the Reichstag on April 28.

Observers here do not anticipate that Hitler is planning to close the whole matter with a categorical "No."

How far Hitler will go in making his counter-proposals is impossible to say, but it is suggested here that he will probably maintain that Germany can only be asked to guarantee peace if what she considers her legitimate demands are granted.

These would include settlement of the colonies question and freedom to pursue economic activities in the Balkans unhindered by encirclement. — Reuter.

REJECTION OF MAIN PROPOSAL PREDICTED

Rome, To-day.
It is thought that the replies of the Axis powers to President Roosevelt's message will both be tantamount to an out-and-out rejection of the main proposals, namely, a 10-year guarantee that no country will be attacked and the idea of participation in a world conference.

It will be stressed that Italy desires nothing more than peace, and that the action in both Ethiopia and Albania "was brought about by a state of affairs which threatened world peace."

DEAD LETTER

Regarding a world conference, it is probable that Italy will declare that satisfaction of her claims against France is a condition of her entering any world conference.

It is anticipated that President Roosevelt's telegram will be a dead letter here and that no counter-proposals will be made.—Reuter.

SIMULTANEOUS REPLIES

Rome, To-day.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, the Nazi Air Minister, yesterday left for Berlin after talks with Mussolini on President Roosevelt's message.

Italy's reply to President Roosevelt is expected to be made simultaneously with Germany's.—Reuter.

IRISH VISIT TO PREMIER

London, To-day.

The High Commissioner for Eire, Mr. J. W. Dulaney, yesterday paid his second visit to Mr. Neville Chamberlain since Friday.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Secretary for Colonies, also called on Mr. Chamberlain on his return from ten days sick leave.—Reuter.

CLEAR "YES" OR "NO" CALLED FOR

London, To-day.
The Roosevelt message is still the chief topic discussed in editorials and several papers assert that Germany and Italy plan further aggressive measures.

Generally speaking, the papers express the view that the Fuehrer and the Duce must reply to Roosevelt's message and that an answer cannot be long delayed.

In the event of a negative reply, the Fuehrer and the Duce will have furnished the world with proof that Italy and Germany intend to play the role of "disturbers of the peace."

The "Daily Mail" declares in its editorial that the answer must be a clear "yes" or "no." Germany's and Italy's attitude will decide the trend of policy which is to be pursued in future.

Some of the papers criticise the British War Ministry, attacks apparently intended to support the demand for creation of a Munitions Ministry. — Trans-Ocean.

PARIS COMMENT

Paris, To-day.
Although Paris papers assert

ITALIAN VIEW OF ROOSEVELT MESSAGE

ROME, TO-DAY.
A SEMI-OFFICIAL ITALIAN STATEMENT WAS ISSUED YESTERDAY CONCERNING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE. IT READS:

Actions which are based on serious foundations should be kept secret and must not serve the needs of propaganda and home policy.

President Roosevelt's views are far from shared by American public opinion.

The list of States to be guaranteed is "absolutely childish."

The list shows ignorance of geography and history.

The message is couched in "governessy" and arrogant terms.

The Fascist Government will act in full accord with Germany as circumstances demand.

Peace is a desirable ideal but such propagandistic formulas cannot lead to positive results.—Trans-Ocean.

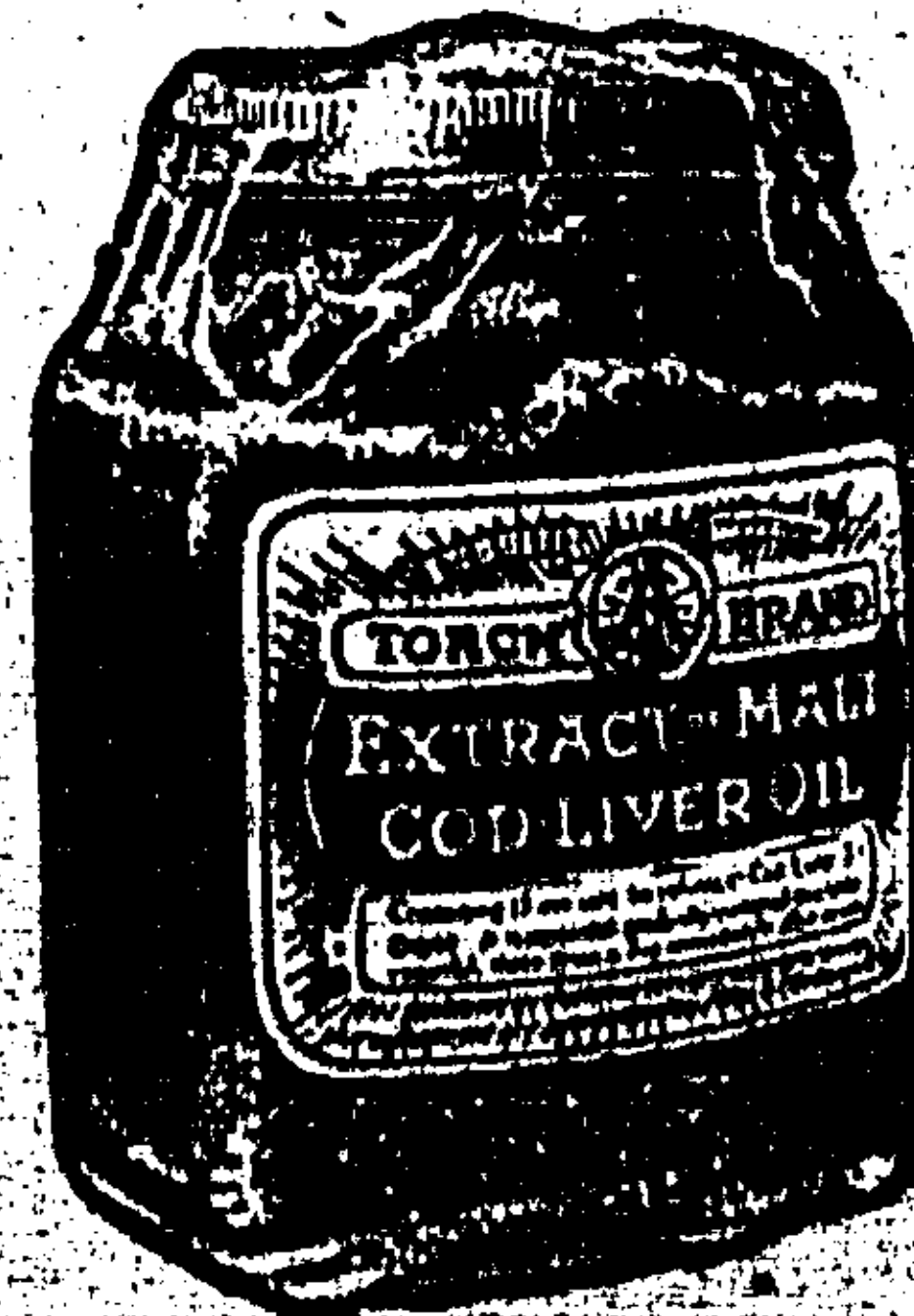
that the tone of the German and Italian press comments on Mr. Roosevelt's message reveals a certain difference between the German and Italian points of view, authoritative quarters nevertheless expect that the German and Italian replies will be virtually identical.

Rejection of Mr. Roosevelt's initiative by the German press is felt to be reflecting the views of German official quarters, allowing no doubt that the eventual answer will be of negative character. — Trans-Ocean.

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ROYAL VISIT TO BELFAST POSTPONED

London, To-day.
The visit of the Duke and Duchess of Kent to Northern Ireland has been postponed indefinitely.

A notice issued from the official residence of the Duke of Abercorn states that at the request of the Government of Northern Ireland, the Governor informed the Duke that it would be preferable if the projected visit of Their Highnesses did not take place this year.

The Duke of Kent kindly acquiesced, "and expressed the hope that he will be enabled to pay a State visit to Northern Ireland upon his return from Australia."

The Duke and Duchess of Kent leave for Australia in the second week of October. — Reuter.

WORLD PUBLIC OPINION FOR PEACE BEHIND ROOSEVELT

Washington, To-day.
World public opinion for peace "is strongly developing" behind President Roosevelt's appeal to Hitler and Mussolini, said the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a statement yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull declared the Administration was "much gratified" by the reaction from the European and Western hemisphere to the President's proposal.

He said: "There is evidence of a definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made to the cause of peace, and that public opinion — the most potent of all forces for peace — is more strongly developing throughout the world."

Mr. Hull said he had received no indication from Berlin and Rome in regard to what their answers would be. — Reuter.

U.S. ORDERING ARMY EQUIPMENT

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
THE SENATE YESTERDAY PASSED THE \$152,000,000 DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

The Bill includes a provision of \$110,000,000 for army equipment such as semi-automatic rifles, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, machine guns, artillery and munitions. — Reuter.

WALSH WANTS PROHIBITION OF ALL TRADE IN WAR

Washington, To-day.

Senator Walsh, chairman of the Senate naval affairs commission, has called for expansion of the navy and the air corps "to protect this nation against any eventuality."

He said: "We can no longer adequately defend a two-ocean nation with a one-ocean navy."

Senator Walsh simultaneously demanded revision of the Neutrality Act to prohibit all trade with belligerents after the outbreak of hostilities.

AUSTRALIA HOLDING NAVAL MANOEUVRES

SYDNEY, TO-DAY.
AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST NAVAL MANOEUVRES SINCE THE WAR HAVE BEGUN AND ARE CONTINUING UNTIL WEDNESDAY.

H. M. S. Leander, flagship of the New Zealand navy, and eight air force squadrons, are co-operating with the Australian squadron.

The exercises have been planned as realistically as possible, and will include the stopping and questioning of liners. — Reuter.

HITLER STUDIES NAZIS MILITARY STRENGTH

Vienna, To-day.

After inspecting troops at Krems and St. Poelter, the Fuehrer made inspections at Stockerau, northwest of Vienna, and at Stretersdorf, on the German-Hungarian frontier, south of Oedenburg. — Trans-Ocean.

CONSUL MURDER SENTENCES

London, To-day.

Six men implicated in the murder of the British Consul in Mosul, Mr. Monck-Mason, were sentenced yesterday by court martial in Bagdad to terms of penal servitude varying from 8 to 15 years, according to despatches here from Bagdad. — Trans-Ocean.

FORGER SENT TO GAOL

For forging notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; the Bank of Java; and the Bank of Indo-China, Ho Kong, 65, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

He further proposed that the Government refrain from taking sides and expressing favour or disfavour in foreign arguments and disputes.

Drawing a parallel with conditions prior to the entry of the United States into the World War, Senator Walsh warned the Senate:

"To-day in similar fashion propaganda is being frantically and brazenly spread in order to embroil us in the present European disputes, which do not concern us and appear certain to lead to another devastating war."

PANAMA CANAL

Discussing defence needs, Senator Walsh said: "Destruction of the Panama Canal, for instance, might throw the present one-ocean navy system of national defence entirely out of joint." — Reuter.

OLD WOMAN VICTIMISED

Sentence of eight months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Yau, 30, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when charged with stealing from an aged woman in Connaught Road Central yesterday.

Sub-Inspector M. J. Flattery said the woman arrived from Macao. As she was calling for a rickshaw, defendant snatched the money from her hand.

PERMIT TO BOARD NOT ENOUGH

Summoned this morning for hawking silkware aboard a ship without a permit, the manager of the Swatow Weng Lee Co., Chan Hon Wing, was fined \$20 by Mr. E. Himsforth.

In answer to the summons, Chan said he had a permit to board the ship, the s.s. Franconia. The Magistrate found that the permit only allowed defendant to go aboard the ship, not to sell goods aboard.

Helsinki, To-day.

The organisation committee for the 12th Olympic Games in 1940 has given legal protection in Finland to the symbolic five Olympic rings used as trade mark.

That means, in practice, that the import of foreign commodities bearing this mark is only possible with the permission of the Finnish Olympic organisation committee. — Trans-Ocean.

SOCIALISTS REFUSE TO COOPERATE

Brussels, To-day.

The Socialist Party Congress yesterday rejected, by a majority of 62,000 votes and 15,000 abstentions, a resolution in favour of Socialist participation in the Government. — Reuter.

GENERAL LIST PROMOTED

Berlin, To-day.

General List, Commander-in-Chief of Army Group V, has been promoted to Colonel General in recognition of services rendered in the Ostmark.

The act of promotion was carried out by the Fuehrer following his inspection of sections of Army Group V.

This is the first time that a German army group commander has been promoted to the rank of a Colonel General.

The two other Colonel-Generals of the German army are Colonel-General Brauchitsch, the Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and Colonel-General Keitel, the Chief of the Supreme Command.

These three Colonel-Generals hold the highest rank in the German army, with exception of Field Marshal Goering of the German Air Force and Grand Admiral Raeder, which is equivalent to the rank of a General Field Marshal. — Trans-Ocean.

SHORT TERMS FOR A PURPOSE

Charged with possession of a dagger for an unlawful purpose, Lau Fuk was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Twelve months' imprisonment was imposed on Lau Loi who pleaded guilty to possession of one revolver and nine rounds of ammunition.

Lau San was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour for unlawful possession of one revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

The Chief Justice remarked that as accused were aliens he was imposing comparatively light sentences in the hope that they would be sent out of the Colony after expiration of the terms.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone covers North China, Manchuria and Japan. A trough of relatively low pressure extends from Annam to Formosa.

The shallow depression over Tongking is stationary.

Local forecast: — East winds, moderate; cloudy.

News Snack Bar

STREAMLINED SUITS ON WAY

Cheerful news for all short men and fairly fat men — American tailors have designed streamlined suits to give the illusion of adding to height and subtracting from waistline.

This was revealed at the annual fashion show of the New York Custom Cutters Club. The "slenderising" process, creating an illusion of greater height for men of from 5ft. to 5ft. 8in. tall, will be achieved through a longer leg line and a shorter waist effect on coats and waist-coats, with long streamlined tails on morning coats and tail-coats.

STRIKE AT CATHEDRAL

Eleven choirmen of St. Nicholas's Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, are on strike following the dismissal of three others.

Canon G. E. Brigstocke, Provost of the Cathedral, said: "I have no statement to make. This is a purely domestic dispute connected with the inner life of the Cathedral, and has no bearing on anything to do with public life."

HE WALKS WITH A SKELETON

When Mr. John Hunt locks up the Fellowship Hall, Kimberley-road, Southbourne, Bournemouth, for the night and goes to his home a little way down the road, he is accompanied by a companion to whom he never speaks and who never speaks to him. For Mr. Hunt is a man with a skeleton in a cupboard.

Occasionally he takes the skeleton out, dusts it, and carries it along to the Fellowship Hall for use in A.R.P. first-aid lectures. Then, the lectures over, Mr. Hunt takes it home again.

It wouldn't do to have the skeleton at the hall, says Mr. Hunt. Boys might get in and be frightened or play pranks with it.

So back to Mr. Hunt's cupboard it goes. And if a motorist, suddenly seeing the strange pair loom up in the glare of his headlights, hurries home and signs the pledge—well, that's no concern of Mr. Hunt.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

Heard in London police courts.

Defendant at Highgate: I am the owner of this place and my wife draws the profits.

Woman at Stratford: Would you call an argument with a husband about money a quarrel?

Motorist at West Ham: There is very little to say except that the other driver was a woman. I think that is a defence in itself.

COWS-FOR-HIRE PLAN SUCCEEDS

At Shelby North Carolina (U.S.) a livestock dealer has developed a "rent-a-cow" system with success. He has placed seventy-five, charging 4s. to 7s. a week. The renter furnishes feed and shelter, and when the cow goes dry the dealer replaces her with a good milker.

"Many short men in the past have had their coats designed with too much stress on width of shoulder and not enough leg length. This also applies to trousers," one authority pointed out.

"Short men should not wear wide trousers."

In honour of the World's Fair the leading tailors have introduced a new fashion, called the "Dawn of To-morrow" suit.

This has no hip pockets, a lower waist-line, and is much fuller round the chest than the ordinary suit, says Reuter.

Because of these features, it was pointed out, wearers would be able to cram their coat pocket "without losing their natty appearance."

ROAD DEATHS SAME AS IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR

Exactly the same number of lives were lost in road accidents in Great Britain last month as in February a year ago—if that is consolation to anyone.

The exact number, 462, was the lowest monthly figure since May last, and was twenty-four fewer than in January.

Persons injured last month numbered 13,915 — a decline of 1,226 compared with January.

During the first two months of this year, 947 deaths have resulted from road accidents.



HE GOT THAT SINKING FEELING.—Life in the Royal Tank Corps is a bit steep sometimes, and this is the result of taking things a little too fast—but of course everyone must learn by experience, and it proves rather nerve racking when you get going at full speed in one of these whippet tanks. It was one of the tanks of the 42nd Territorial Battalion Royal Tank Corps which carried out exercises on Wimbledon Common (Surrey) yesterday.

STAGE AMATEURS HAVE 'PLAYERS' EXCHANGE'

Though fire deprived it of its only theatre three years ago, Reading has never lacked good stage entertainment. About twenty amateur dramatic societies have provided regular shows.

The societies consult each other before arranging performances, thus avoiding clashing of dates.

They exchange players and scenery through a federation in which the leading societies are represented.

2 YEARS TILL HE SEES BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Proudfoot, of 38, Grove-crescent, Littlehampton, Sussex, hoped their third child would be a girl, as they already had two sons. And four weeks ago their wish was realised. But Mr. Proudfoot will not see his little daughter till Christmas 1940. He went abroad with the R.A.F. last October.

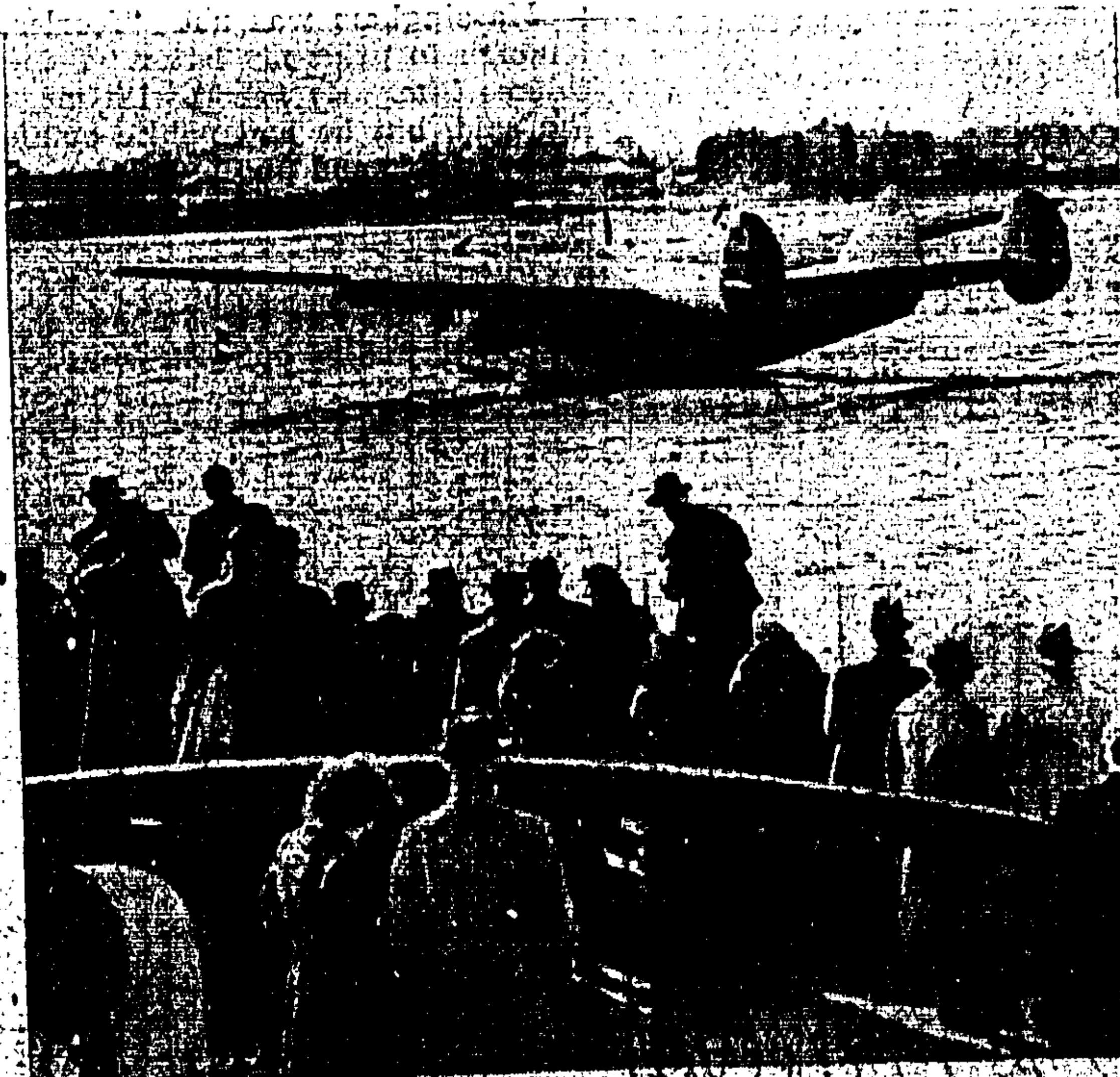
At forty-seven, Mrs. Tann, of Northcliff-street, North Ormsby, Middlesbrough, is growing a full set of teeth in her upper jaw. She had all her teeth out ten years ago.

A bottle picked up by Mr. G. Coram, of the trawler Jago, fishing off Start Point, contained the message "25/12/38, S.S. Teakwood, Port Arthur, Texas, U.S.A." It was signed "R. Cottam, 21, Clyde-street, Boston, Lancs." Mr. Coram is now trying to trace the man who dropped it into the sea.

Mr. Garrett, of Earl's Barton, Northants, bought a darts in a store four miles from his home last Christmas. He paid for it with a pound note, on which the assistant wrote the price of the board and the customer's account number. Now Mr. Garrett has received the same note in his post packet!

A baby hare found by Miss D. Cook, Worthy Down, near Winchester, Hants, is thriving. She has provided it with a bed of straw, and feeds it from a doll's bottle.

Mr. John Williams, of 14, Richard-street, Stanney, E., has built a model church, complete with seats, altar, and organ. It is made of matches, 8,000 of them, model built by him.



YANKEE CLIPPER AT SOUTHAMPTON.—The American flying boat Yankee Clipper arriving at Southampton on its first trans-Atlantic flight. Photo shows a general view from a tug showing the Yankee Clipper riding the water at Southampton on arrival.

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WHOOPING

THERE was once a weekly paper ready to listen to the truth about war—or anything else—unless someone starts telling it? called the "Nation," which was edited by an editor named Massingham, usually described as "a fearless Radical." I wrote to this paper just after the end of the war a letter on the harmful effects of glorifying soldiers.

I said that, if we could not give up war, we might at any rate cease from pretending that there was anything noble or heroic about it.

"Most of us," I said, "think we require meat, but we do not make heroes of the men who slaughter sheep and cattle and pigs. We do not dress them up in gaudy uniforms, or have them march to the slaughter-houses with bands playing. Why should we treat differently from the slaughterers of animals those whom we pay to slaughter our fellow-creatures?"

"Let us put soldiers," I urged, "into the same sort of blue costume that butchers wear; and let us give up pretending that they are anything but butchers, hired to kill men—children and women as well—if they are in the Air Force; or compelled to kill without hire in countries where compulsory service is in force."

Massingham was not "fearless" enough to print my letter. I don't blame him. He agreed with me, so he said, but he had public opinion to consider, and public opinion was not ready yet for such plain speaking.

I think he was right about that, but will public opinion ever be

Mine was an "extreme" view, but I doubt if it was so "extreme" just after the war as it is to-day.

If I had got it published while the war was on, I should have been gaoled, or possibly shot. But when the madness ended, there was more feeling that all war was stupid and beastly than ever prevailed before. For years little attempt was made to persuade people to take the opposite view. Now the glorification of war is getting into full swing again.

Not in the Fascist countries only. There it is natural enough. Dictators who depend on force are obliged to make force appear glorious, and soldiering an ideal occupation for red-blooded men.

But now the apologists of war, the advocates of violence, are raising their voices again in non-Fascist lands. Signs appear in many quarters. Trivial some of them, but taken together they are significant.

At Hollywood they are to make no more films showing up the hatefulness and idiocy of war. The picture companies are said to have had a hint from the United States Government.

In London a new toilet article is being advertised by posters. These represent users of it as men in uniform—of course, officers' uniform—with splendid features and an air of nobility about them.

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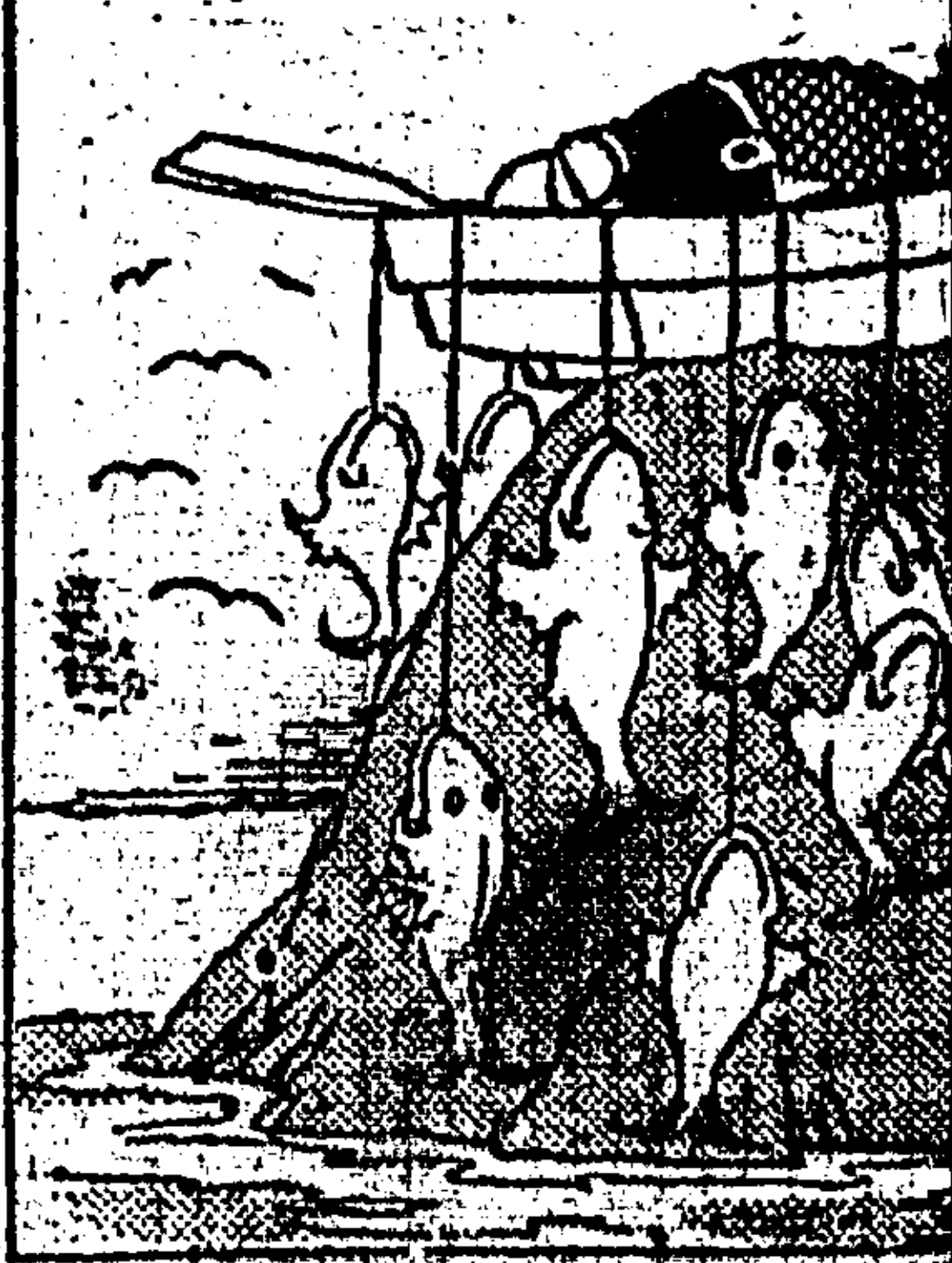
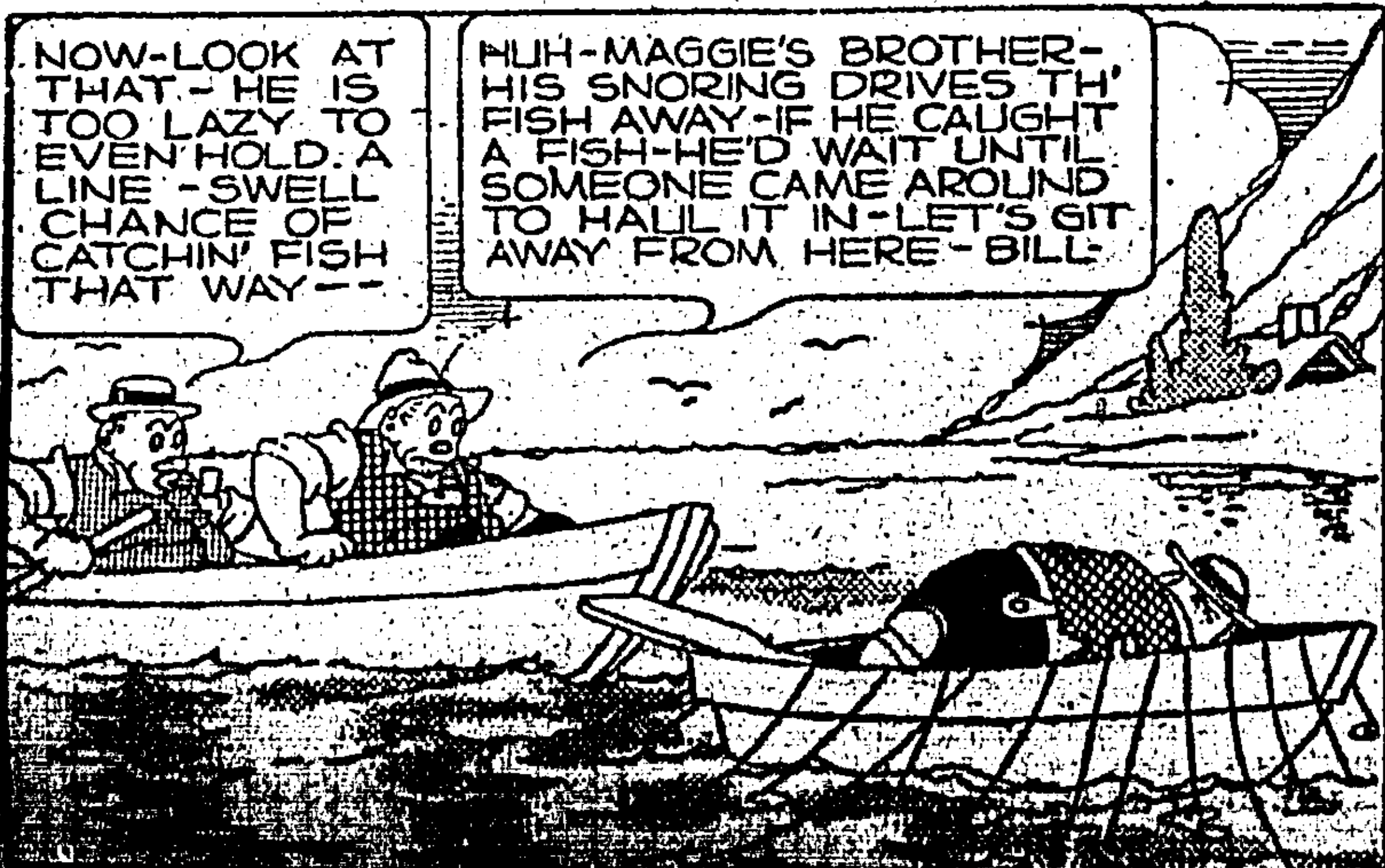
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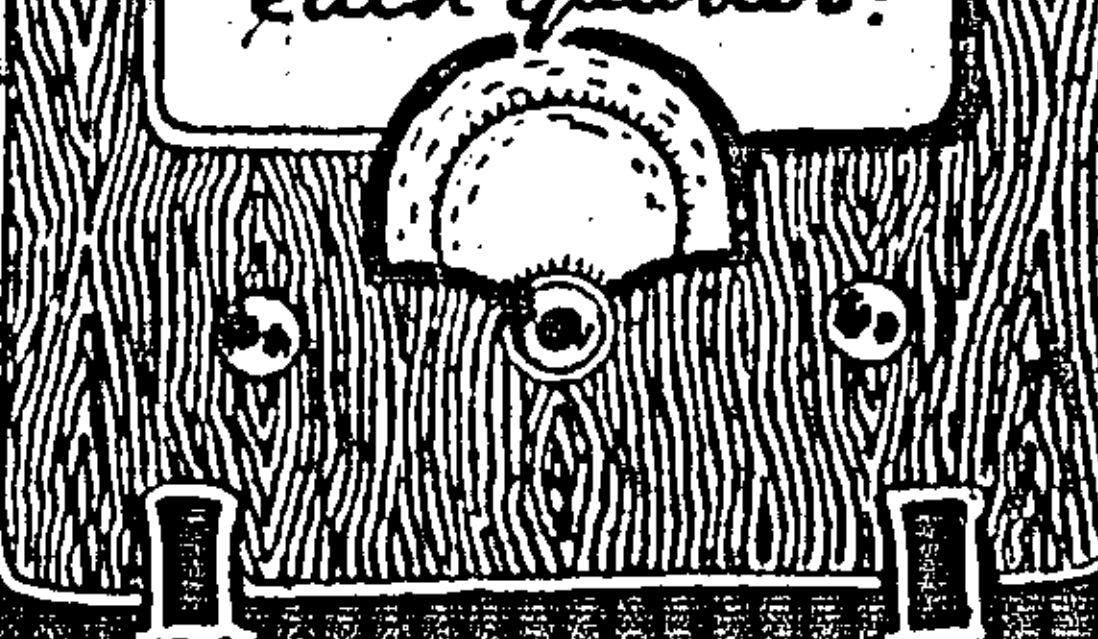
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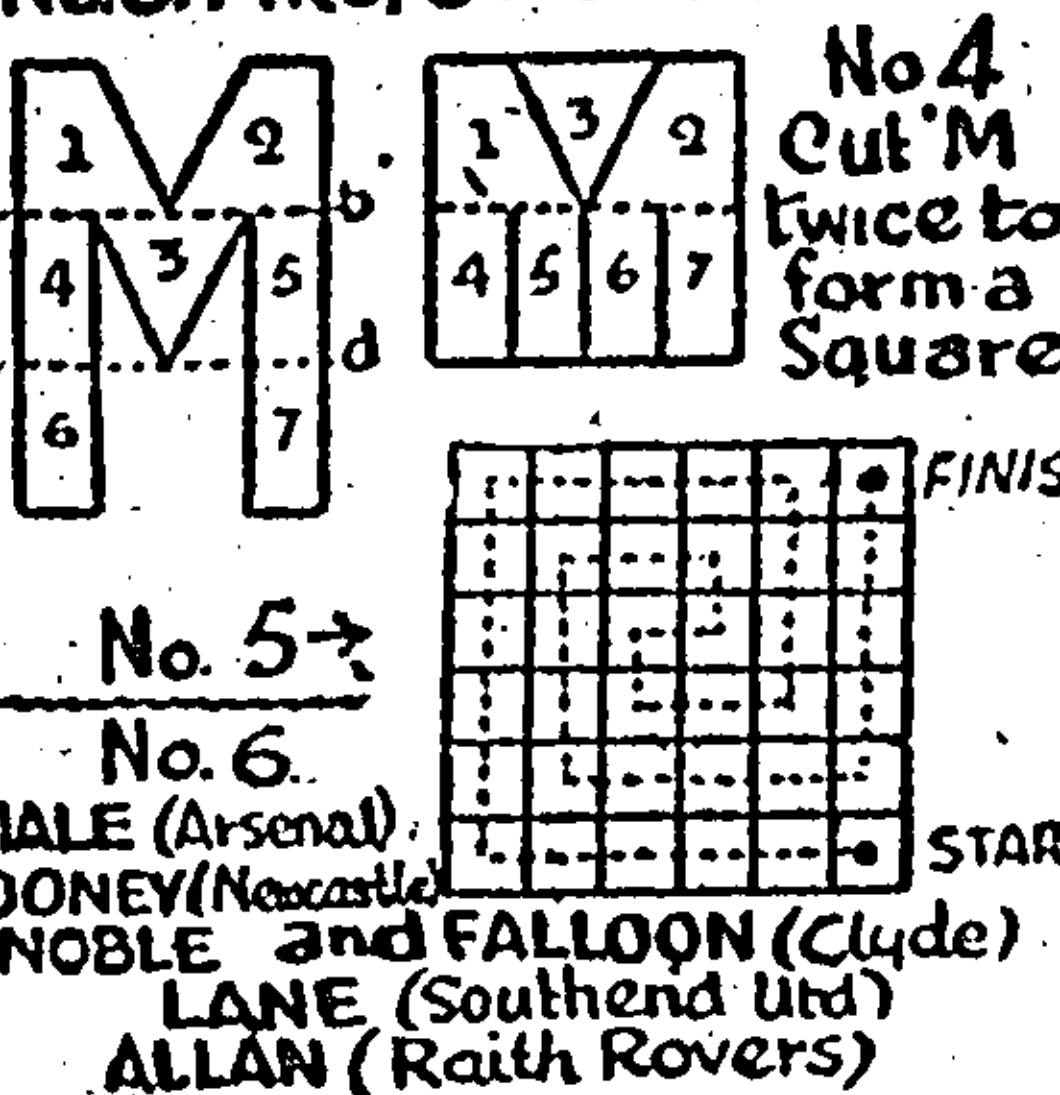
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UP WAR

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to high spirits. It killed the League of Nations, which might have made an effort to protect its members against dictator violence. It killed the hope of disarmament—because the armaments industry puts into the pockets of capitalists larger profits than any other.

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INEXPENSIVE SATISFYING

strengthen the State against the People.

Giving way to the dictators is better than standing up to them because, "if they disappeared, Bolshevism would be let loose." Therefore, when they rage, they must be appeased, and Chamberlain must talk Pacifism — "anything better than war"; and then claim to have preserved peace (although it was really never in danger).

But, in between, there must be a whipping-up of the old war spirit in order to justify the spending of sums so vast on the machines and munitions of war.

It is a tortuous and perhaps a dangerous combination, but it does enable weak opponents to be silenced as "war-mongers" if they expose the first part of it, and as "unpatriotic" if they point out the true inwardness of the armaments ramp.

These epithets can be used most effectively to mystify voters; the revival of the notion that, although war was to be avoided, it is a fine thing to make enormous preparations for it, will be what they call on the Stock Exchange "a bull point" for Chamberlain's stock at the General Election.

So we shall hear a lot more of it.

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FOOD PROBLEM WITH GASTRITIS

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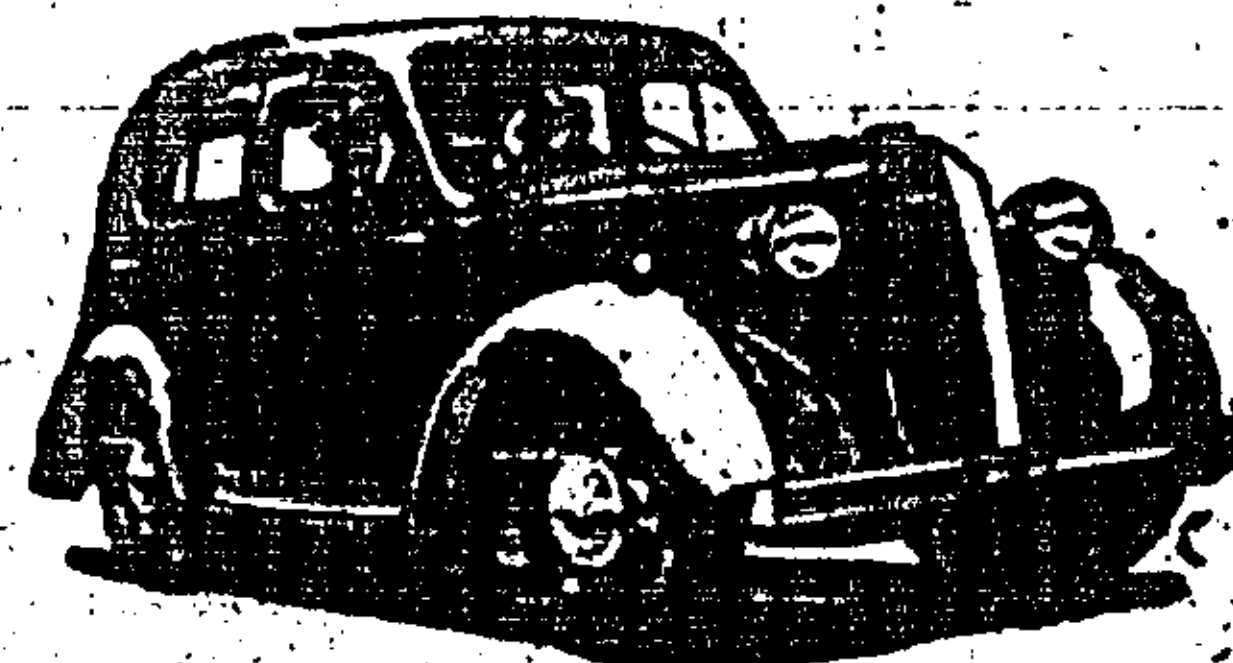
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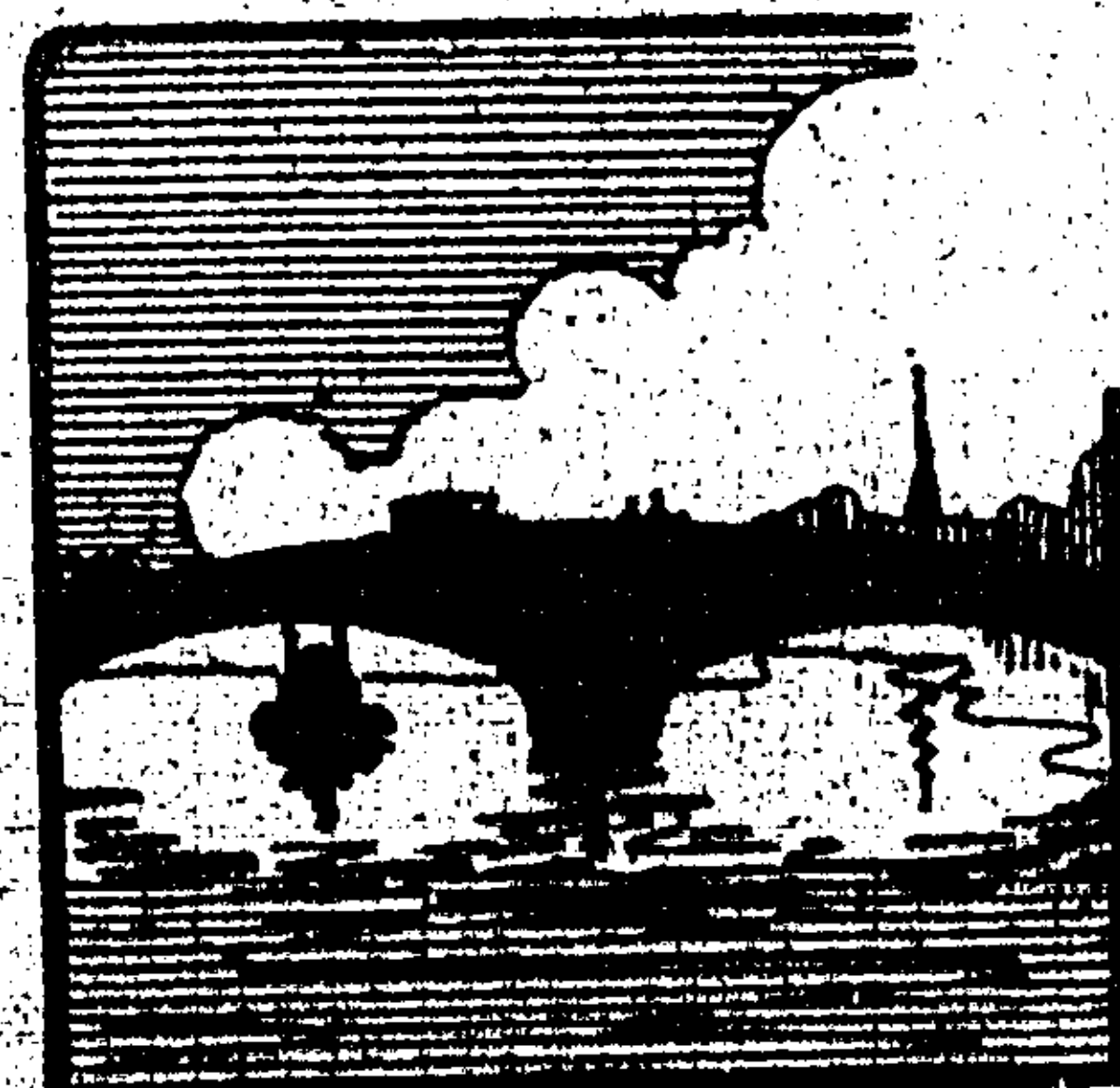
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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Beauty Depends Greatly On Normal Functioning

To put it bluntly, constipation is an enemy to all physical beauty. It keeps women and girls in a half-alive state, and when it becomes chronic it has very serious effects.

Young girls acquire it through sloppy health habits, such as meals at odd hours, irregular periods of sleep, wrong foods, and nervous tension. Older women get it through worry, vexation, wrong foods and stupid slimming diets which do not permit enough of the proper foods for normal body functioning.

No matter how you get it, you should definitely correct it as soon as possible.

There are a few simple rules to bear in mind, which will help you, and proper exercise does much to relieve you of it.

A glass of hot water with juice of half a lemon the first thing in the morning — or two glasses of cold water, or one of cold and one tall glass of fruit juice. Water between meals. Meals at regular hours. Proper foods.

FOODS IMPORTANT

Benjamin Hauser who has done a lot of research on foods for health and beauty declares: "If over seventy percent of what you eat is from the laxative group of foods you are very likely to have normal functioning of the intestinal tract. (That is providing you exercise some each day.)"

High bulk foods are: figs, dates, apricots, and prunes. The seedy fruits such as gooseberries, currants, raspberries, huckleberries. The fruits with plenty of pulp such as peaches, pears, apples, plums and grapes. Oranges and grapefruit, when eaten whole. Strawberries, cantaloupe and rhubarb.

Next come the vegetables which may be eaten raw—radishes, onions, celery, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce and tomatoes.

Cooked vegetables with plenty of roughage are: parsnips, turnips, kohlrabi, corn. Asparagus, beets, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, spinach and string beans. A little less effective are peas, beans, lentils, and potatoes.

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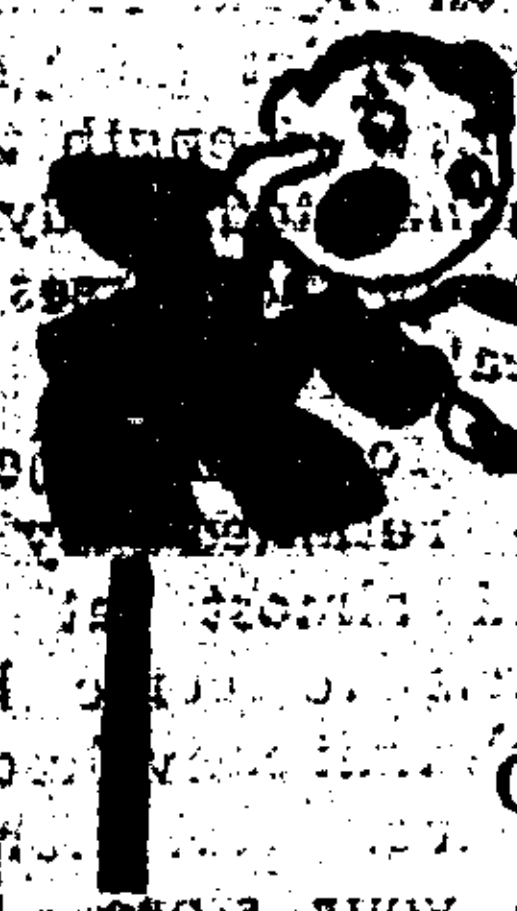
"Time will tell," says ageing Elise. "What we used to call a butterfly is now a jitter bug."

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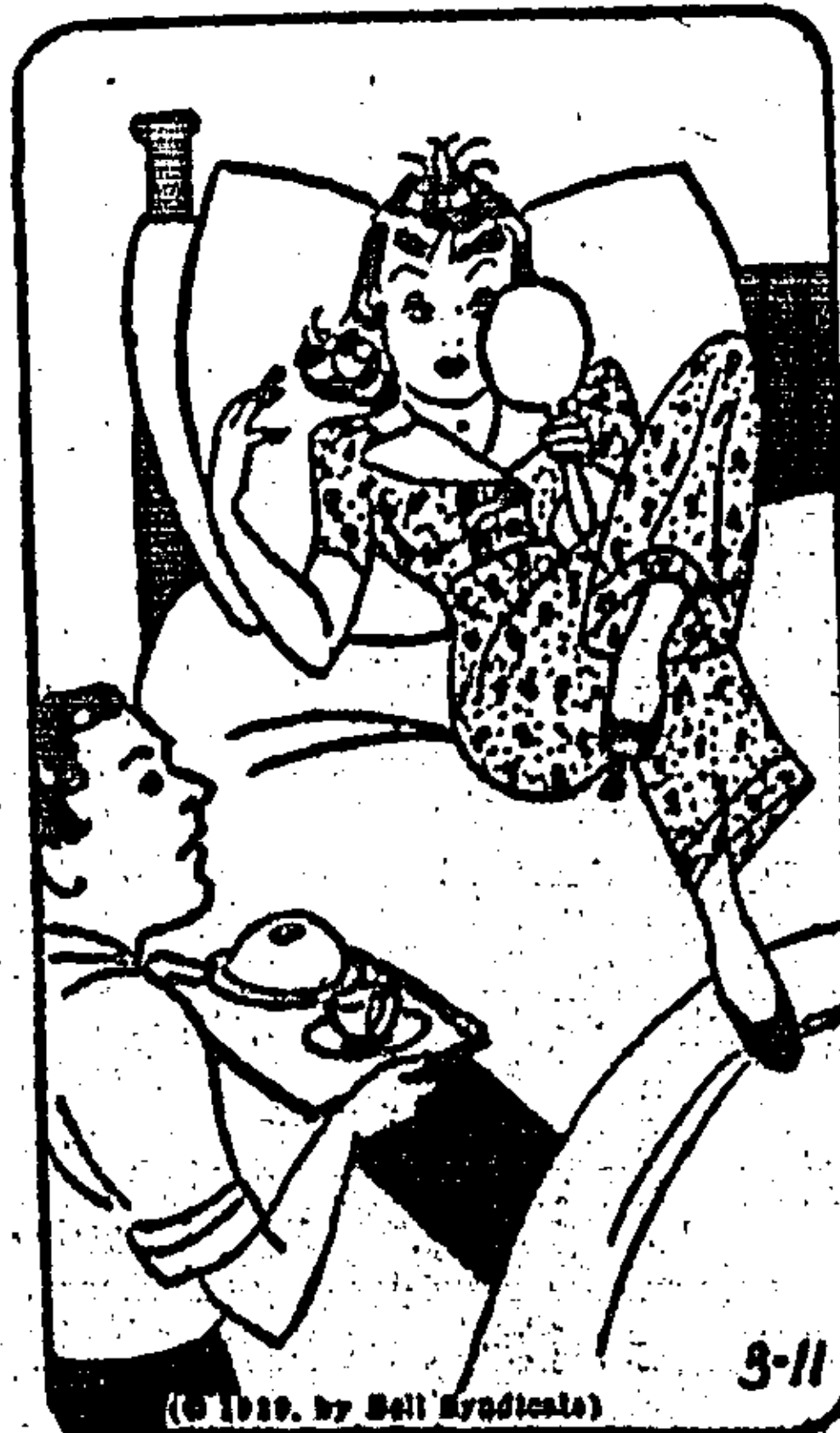
Basic Dress, Women's Sizes



If you want an unusually good-looking dress for general, all-round wear, and yet with enough softness to make it appropriate for informal afternoons, then this will exactly fill the bill. It has classic, well-bred simplicity, and graceful, slenderizing lines. The slim-hipped skirt, that ripples to circular fullness at the hem, is topped by a gathered bodice, with a plain v-neckline and pretty sleeves. It fits beautifully over the bust. A row of buttons (and buttons are very smart right now) is the sole trimming. That fact gives you plenty of chance to wear costume jewellery and flowers with the dress.

A basic style like this looks well in so many different materials! Flat crepe, silk print, thin wool and triple sheers are suggested for right now.

Witty Kitty



If a man wants to keep love's fondest dreams alive then he must be prepared to dance attendance upon the girl of choice for the rest of his life.

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

There will be, as a rule, a logical explanation for what might appear to you as the strange behavior of a friend or relative. It will be good judgment this day to seek the cause before condemning the effect of anything that irritates you. In commercial circles courtesy, especially to strangers, is likely to be rewarded by some very useful information. This day is apt to be conducive to the formation of new friendships, and the furthering of closer relationship among business associates. Many new ideas are likely to bring about radical but better changes. This is a poor day to put into force any rule that might be construed as being severe or unjust. In the process of reasoning this day be careful that some pet obsession does not make you come to

a false conclusion; Married and engaged couples, as well as those entertaining matrimonial hopes, are likely to discover that hastily formed suspicions are apt to be figments of their imagination and without foundation.

If a woman and April 18 is your birthday, travelling, sports and some hobby, probably will make your life decidedly interesting. You should be very broad-minded, as you have, in all likelihood, a mind capable of grasping the view-point of other people. You ought also to be clever in solving problems. Mental telepathy may enable you frequently to anticipate what those who are near and dear to you, are thinking. Research, dramatic, literary, artistic or a highly specialised line of commercial work is

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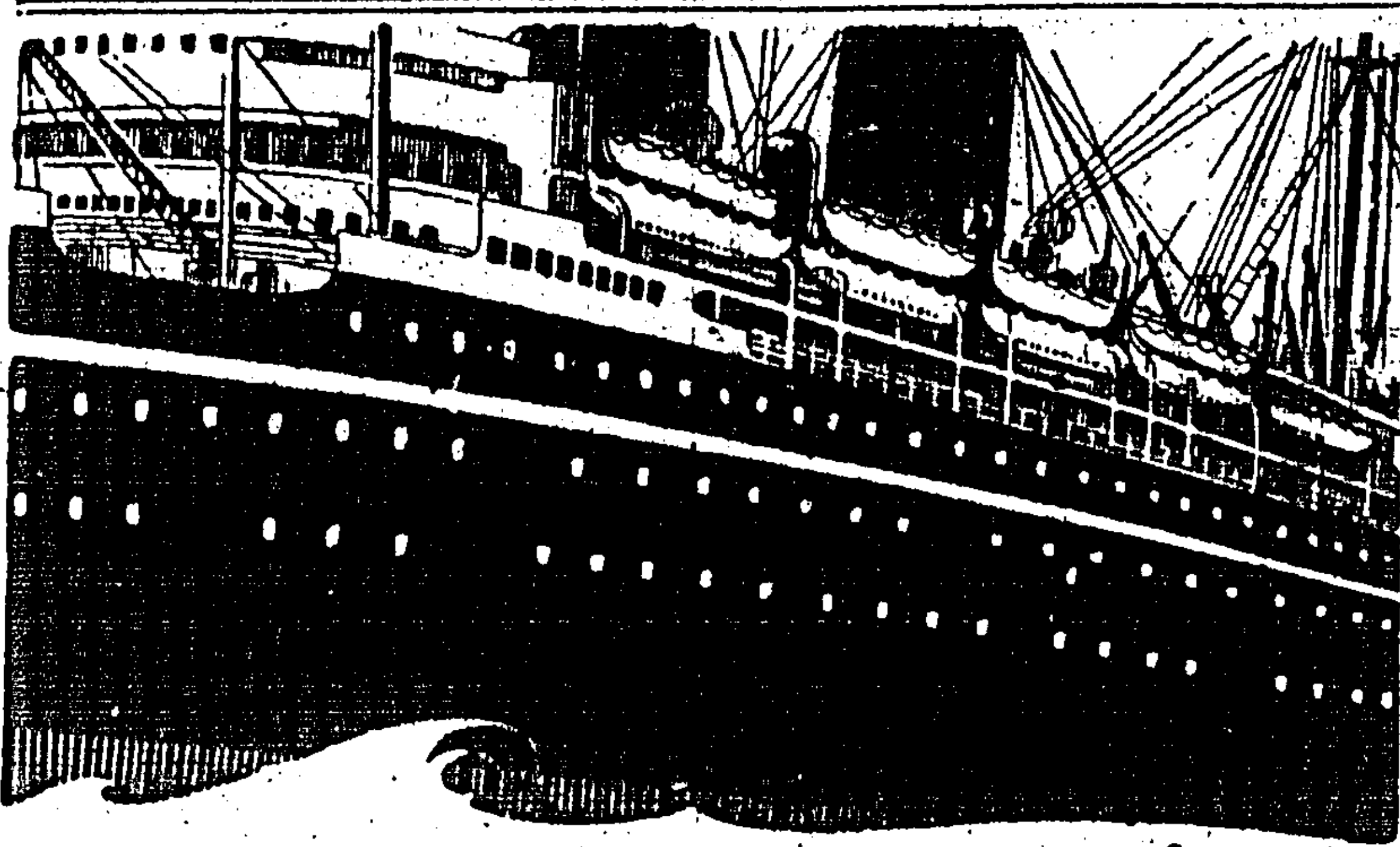
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Manila	Pres. Taft	April 19.
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Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B. C. date, 1st April).	Emp. of Russia	April 30.
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Shanghai	Tegelberg	Apr. 18, 7 p.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Tues., Apr. 18, 7.00 p.m.
Saigon, Madang, Salamaua, and Rabaul	M/V. Neptuna	Tues., Apr. 18, 7.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		
Tientsin	Ninghai	Apr. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Mingsang	Wed., Apr. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Diomed	Wed., Apr. 19, 1.30 p.m.
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	Reg.,	Wed., Apr. 19, 5.00 p.m.
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	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Wed., Apr. 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Thur., Apr. 20, 7.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Thur., Apr. 20, 2.00 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Thur., Apr. 20, 8.30 p.m.
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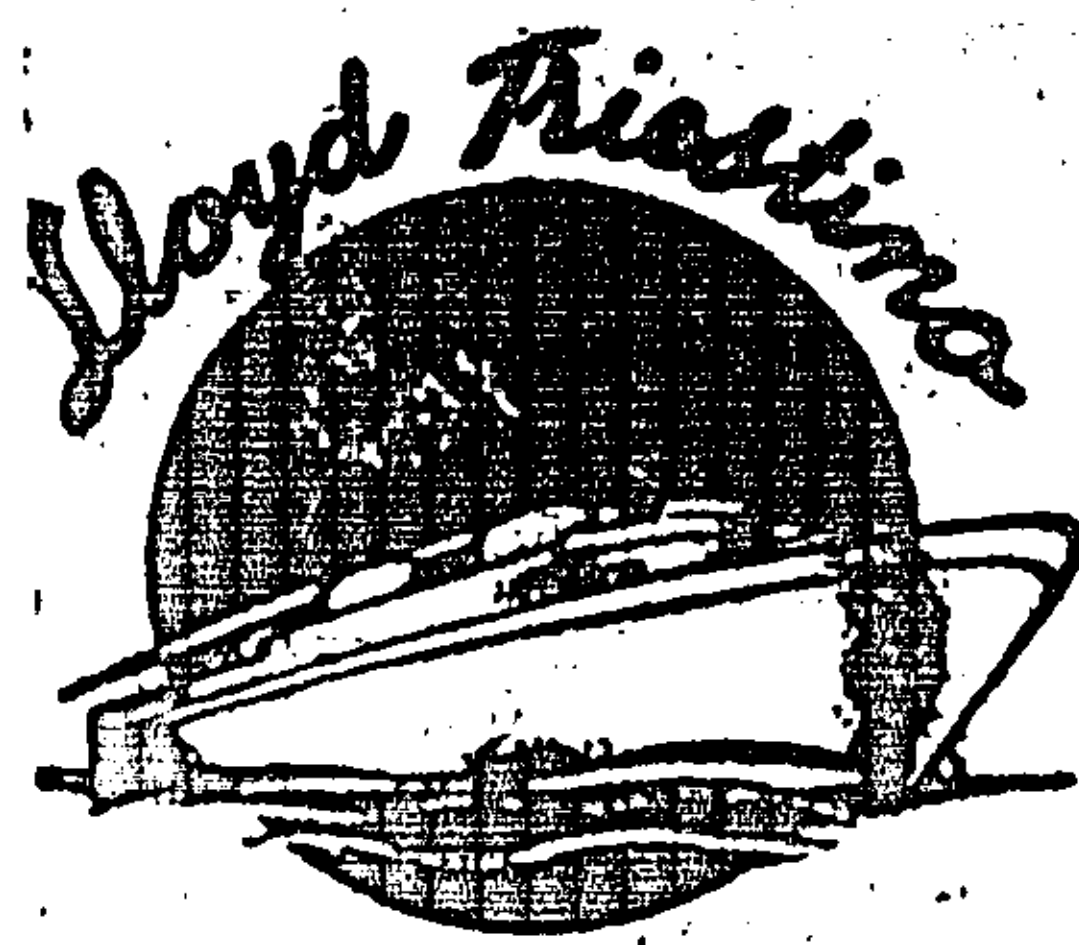
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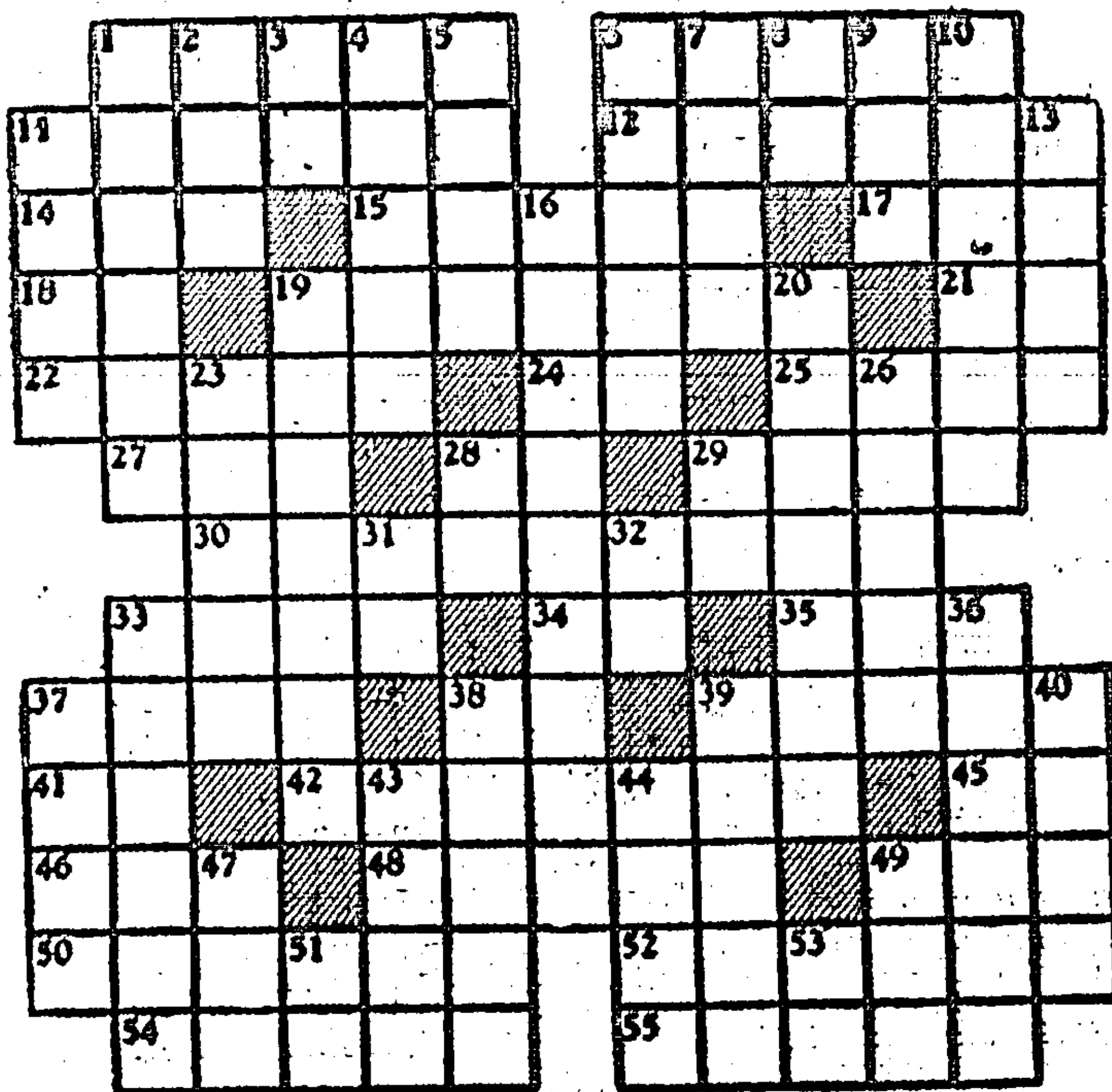
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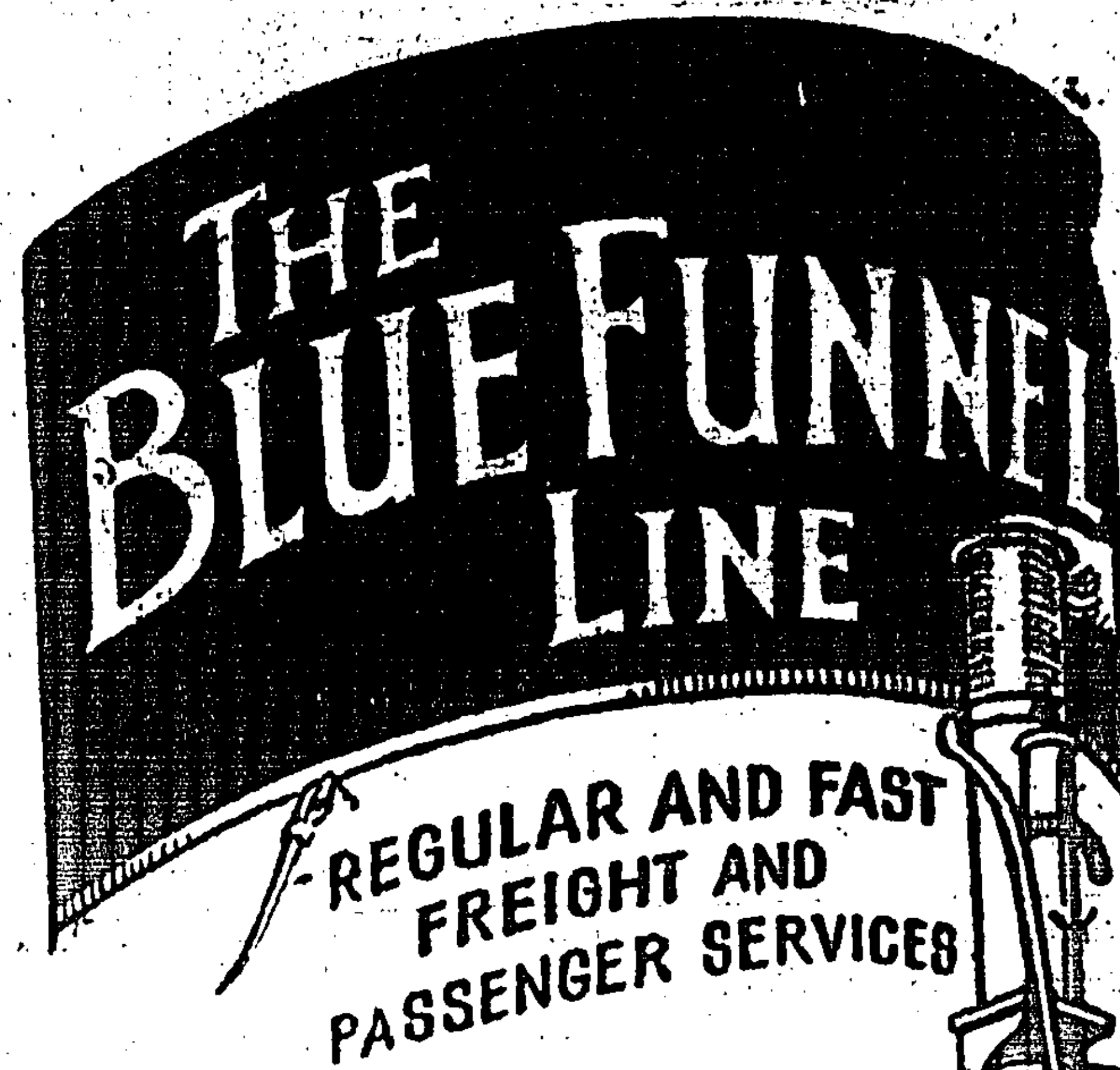
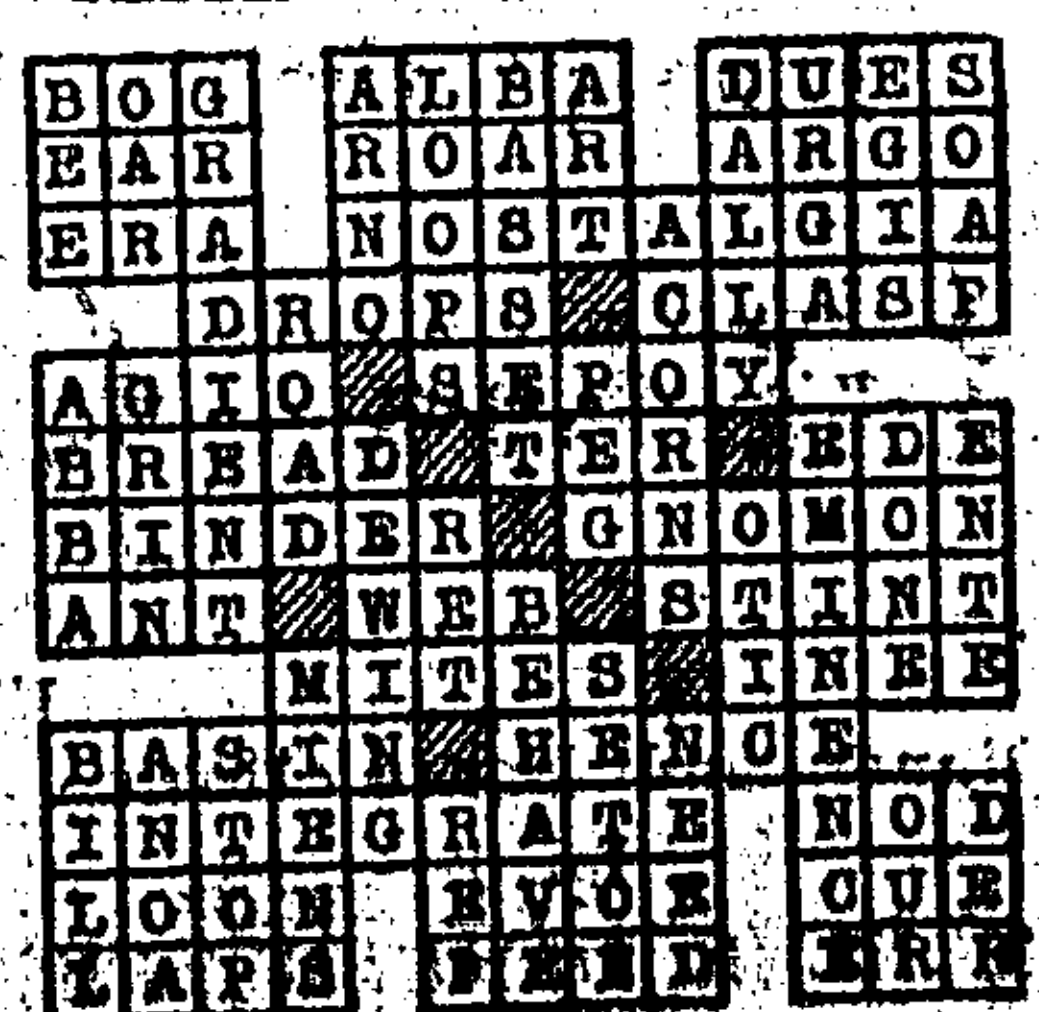
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- 34 To such degree
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- 38 Greek letter
- 39 Flows
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Gowned
- 45 Musical note

- 46 Member of Indonesian tribe
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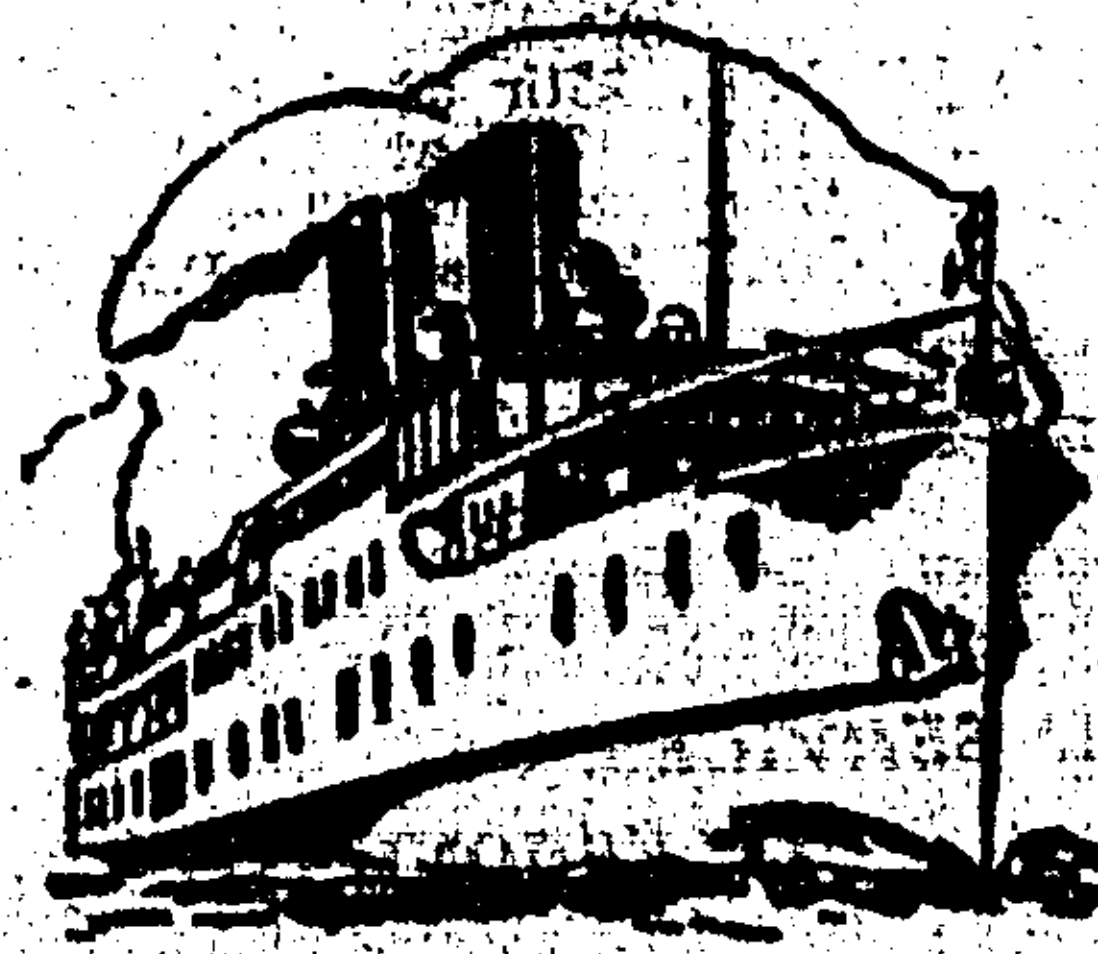
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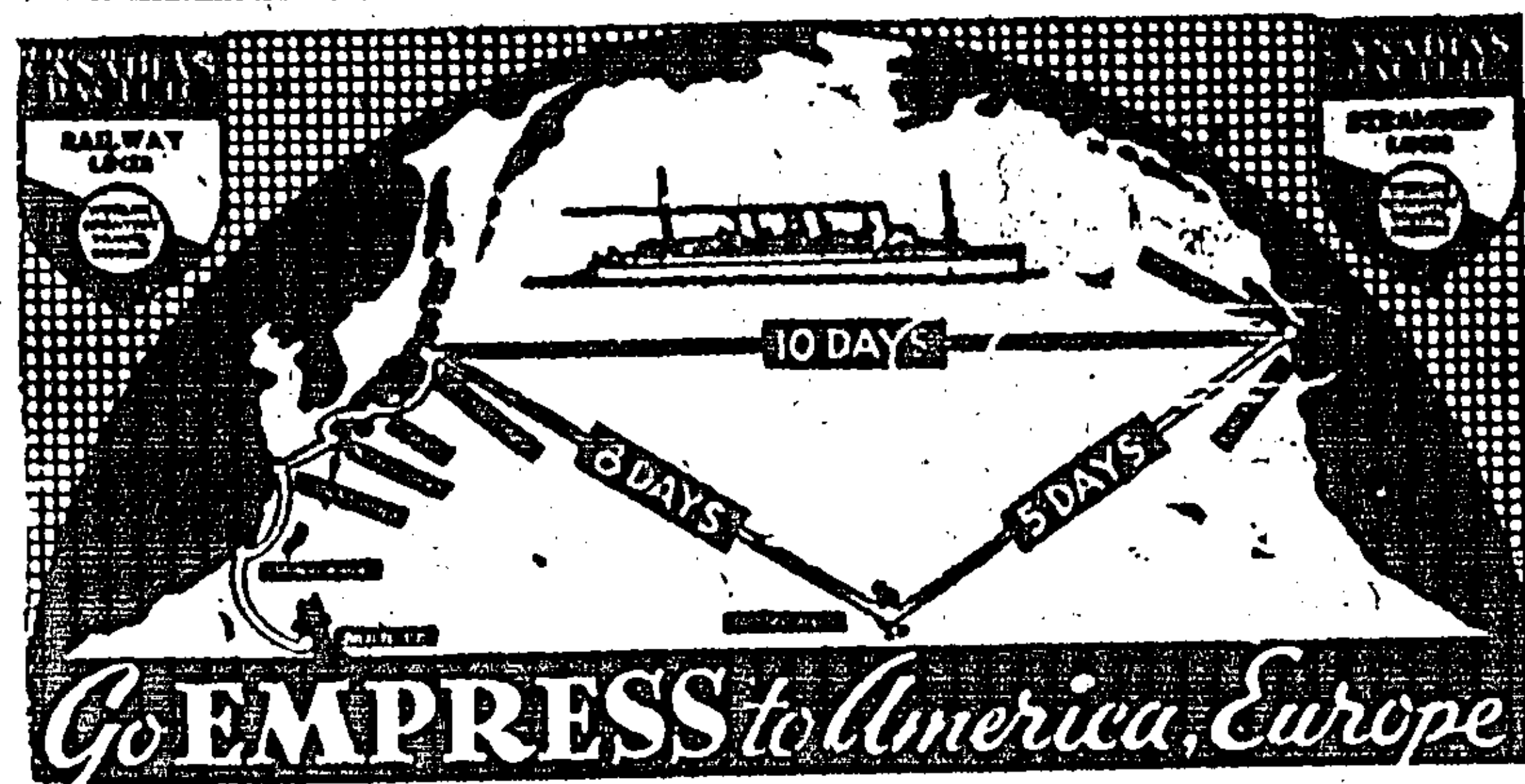
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13/2	Taran (o).
7/1	Mormond Hill (o), 15/2 (t).
7/1	Halcyon Gift (o).
7/1	Unbreakable (o).
10/1	Agincourt (o).
100/9	Bistolff (o).
100/8	Rodeo (o).
100/8	Esquemeling (o).
100/7	High Rank (o).
100/7	Oven (o).
100/6	Portfeuille (o).
25/1	Croiseun (o).

—Reuter.

THE DERBY

London, To-day.—The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:

19/2	Fox Cub (o), 10/1 (t).
10/1	Signal Light (o), 100/9 (t).
100/9	Blue Peter (t. and o.).
100/6	Dhoti (o).
20/1	Foxbrough (o), 22/1 (t).
40/1	Triguero (o).

—Reuter.

STARTING TIMES

The following are the starting times arranged by the Kowloon Golf Club for the Summer Cup competition, which will be played on Sunday:

9.00 a.m.	W. C. Simpson and A. Eastman.
9.04 a.m.	W. Kershaw and A. E. Davies.
9.08 a.m.	T. Lamb and W. Bastin.
9.12 a.m.	F. A. Hill and A. A. Lopes.
9.16 a.m.	F. C. Barry and G. Milne.
9.20 a.m.	W. Ahern and E. D. da Roza.
9.24 a.m.	B. Basto and A. T. Godfrey.
9.28 a.m.	S. Jex and R. J. Wallace.
9.32 a.m.	T. Henderson and M. L. da Roza.
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The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-5/8.

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Bitter criticism of the British Ambassador in Berlin (Sir Neville Henderson), is a feature of the book "My Years in Germany," by Martha Dodd, daughter of a former United States Ambassador to Germany, Mr. W. E. Dodd.

The author says:—

"Sir Neville Henderson did not hide his fondness for the Nazi leaders. On the contrary, in conversation with other diplomats, he admired their forceful handling of the European situation and even expressed the view that Austria should be annexed long before the German plan was made.

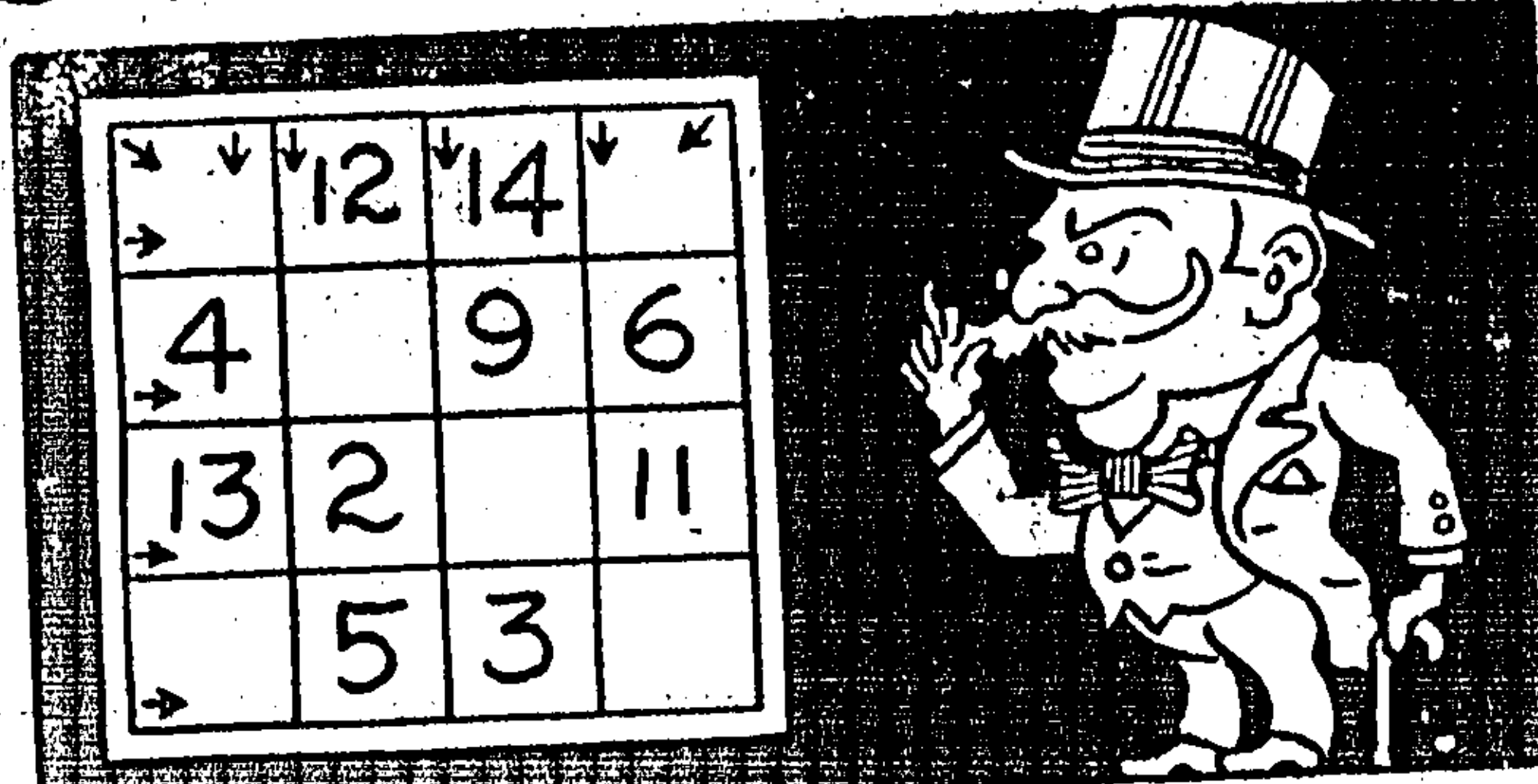
"The Austrian Minister was so insulted that he complained to his Government, which protested to Britain, resulting in Sir Neville Henderson being called home and reprimanded. It did not cure him.

"Even Sir Neville Henderson's staff talked bitterly about him. Nevertheless he continued serenely."

DICTAPHONES

Telling of Gestapo activities, the author adds: "Even the United States suffered in the atmosphere of espionage. Servants could not be trusted, while, because of fear, the house was wired for hidden dictaphones."

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



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win, in, I, tin, tint, we, wine, ten, net, wren, rent, twin, twine, wen, wet, it, re, nit, new, newt, went, tern, tie, tier, rew, write, writ, tire and wire.

Miss Dodd, when she wished to speak in confidence, covered the telephone with a cotton-stuffed box to defeat the amplifier which might be hidden in the mouthpiece. Finally she made a habit of carrying out all confidential interviews in a park on benches.

She believed that Germans decoded telegrams and opened diplomatic bags.

Miss Dodd says that she entertained her woman friends in the bathroom, which was least likely to be wired for dictaphones.

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"The spirit of England will confound imitation Caesars," declared Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour.

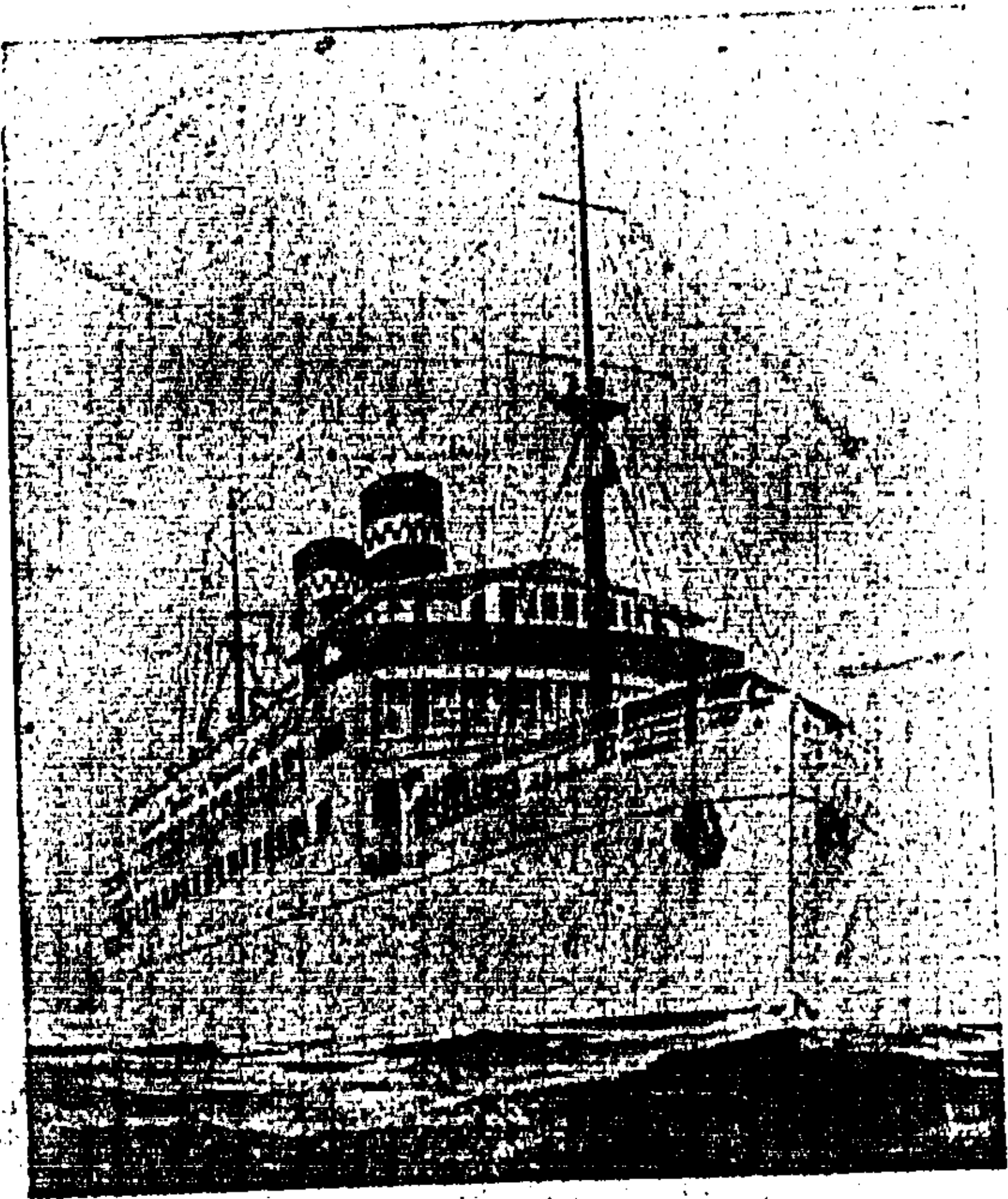
"In dark days in Europe," he added, we did it before. It will happen again."

Mr. Brown, who was addressing the Wholesale Distributors Association, said:

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"DOC" MOLTHEN CHIEF UMPIRE**Baseball Will Be Boosted To Higher Pinnacle***Season Promises To Be Best Since Game Was Introduced Here***H.K. BASEBALL CLUB SHOULD MANAGE TO "GET SOMEWHERE"**

(By "GRANDSTAND")

NOW that the Softball season is almost over we turn to Baseball, the game of all games in the Old U.S.A.

With Major Duclos at the head of the Baseball League this year and with the able assistance of the rest of the officials, baseball in Hong Kong will be boosted to a higher pinnacle.

The Diamond Artists are rarin' to go. To don their spikes and start cahorting around the baseball by-paths to start the new season with a bang! May 6th is the opening date.

Judging from the entries, this coming season promises to be the best since baseball was first introduced in the Colony. Most of the teams have recruited good new players and the standard of play this year should be much better than in previous seasons.

The U. S. S. Mindanao team, according to Charlie Horton, captain and coach will be much stronger with the services of some young players just out from the States.

Notable among these players are twirler Ruel and outfielder Wrigley. According to Horton he has a very good defensive aggregation but they are a little weak with the hickory.

Hong Kong Baseball Club will have some new faces in their camp and the way it looks on paper, with the addition of "Flash" Harris, Larry Brown, Phil "Clipper" Delany, Dick Venezia, R. G. Biesel and "Red" Bell, the Baseballers should get somewhere instead of finishing at the bottom of the League as they did last year.

Ernie "Speed Ball" Hearther who was once a cub pitcher for the San Francisco Seals will do mound duty for the Hong Kong Baseball Club and if his arm is right he will buzz-it-past-them and will have the batters breaking their backs fanning the pill!

Recreio who were runners-up last year will have the same outfit that they had last season, but with more experience. You can always bank on the Reds to be there doing their best to win a ball game. They are fast and play headsup ball all the time.

There are no individual star players in the Reds, hard ball team, but the whole team works as one. Johnny Alvares will be the regular hurler with "Spotty" Pereira to relieve him in case he is yanked out of the box or if the enemy gang up on him.

RUNS HIMSELF

Seeing how Mike "Fats" Mendonca ran bases in softball I am afraid the other managers will insist that he runs his own bases and not be allowed a team-mate to run for him as of yore.

Better Start slimming, Mikel! The Chinese Baseball Club will be without the help of their able mentor Abe Liu. They will have to carry on by themselves with the same players they had last year plus two or three new ones, and if they let the coaching of Abe Liu sink into their heads they should repeat their performance last year to retain the Bagram Shield and the Brown Cup.

Earl Wong should be much better on the pitching slab as he has grown bigger and stronger.

U. B. Beer is a new entry composed of local boys who have played before for other teams. It's hard to predict how they will pan out as these boys have never played together before, but knowing the players as individual performers, the U. B. clan will be a team to be contended with. There are some very fast and flashy players in the team, namely, Oldtimer Terry Leonard, Dave Leonard, Kassa Nazarin and Kitchell who should give a good account of themselves and put their team in the running.

THE UMPIRES

"Doc" Molthen, who has been elected Chief Umpire this year, promises to have competent umpires for each game, and we sincerely hope that "Doc" gets the co-operation of those he selects to assist him in the hard and trying work of an arbiter.

Bad Umpiring has been the bane of local baseball and this year only the cream of the crop in local umpires will be assigned according to Chief Ump "Doc" Molthen.

LEWIS FOR ENGLAND

London, To-day.—It is announced that John Henry Lewis is sailing from New York on Thursday to defend his world light-heavyweight boxing championship against the British Champion, Len Harvey, in London, sometime in May.—Reuter.

Re-Arranged Football Fixtures

The vital Football League game between Royal Navy and South China "A" for the First Division Championship has been arranged to take place on Saturday at Causeway Bay.

The play off game to decide the runners-up position for the Second Division between Middlesex and 5th A. A. Regiment R. A. will be played on the Kowloon Ground the same day at 4.30 p.m.

On Sunday, at Caroline Hill, the First Division Champions will meet the Interport team in the last official game and at the conclusion of the game the trophies for the different divisions will be presented by Mrs. Lo, wife of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, a vice president of the Hong Kong Football Association.

As a curtain-raiser to this game South China, second division champions will meet a rest team from the Junior divisions.

The final of the Kotewall Charity Cup will be played at a later date.

HOME SOCCER**Wednesday Held At Fulham**

London, To-day. The following were the results of League match played yesterday:

Second Division	
Fulham	2 Wednesday
Third Division (North)	
Bristol R.	1 Crystal R.
Cardiff	4 Notts C.
Clapton O.	3 Torquay
Third Division (South)	
Hull	2 Southport
Oldham	3 Stockport

—Reuter.
On Saturday, Wrexham beat Oldham at home by 4 goals to 1.

Army Area Sports Meeting

The Annual Army Area Athletic Meeting will be held on May 8 and May 9. The "At Home" will be held on May 4 and it is hoped that all those who had previously accepted invitations will kindly take it that this same invitation stands for May 4.

TENNIS**Fine Match For To-Day**

With this morning's improvement in the weather, a huge crowd can be expected at the Hong Kong Cricket Club this afternoon for a match which should produce some of the most thrilling tennis in the tournament to date.

On the Stand Court, S. A. Rumjahn, hero of so many encounters, will meet Lim Thian-tet, former Perak champion, playing in his first tournament in the Colony.

Rumjahn is always a good drawing card, while Lim's victory over Teddy Fincher has placed him in the front rank of local players.

The result should be very open.

PROGRAMME

Open Singles
S. A. Rumjahn v. Lim Thiam Tet (stand court).
Club Championship
E. E. Story v. J. L. C. Pearce (2).
Club Handicap Singles
V. R. Gordon (—3.6) v. C. M. Stark (+3.6) (4).
H. D. Bidwell (—1.6) v. L. Goldman (—3.0) (7).
Club Handicap Doubles
J. Thomson and R. G. Biesel (—1.6) v. W. Sander and T. J. Gould (—15) (3).

BASEBALL**Rain Interferes**

New York, To-day.

Pellsburg beat Cencinath in the National Baseball League by 7 runs to 5. McCormick hit a home run for Detroit. In the American League the game between New York and Washington was postponed while owing to the rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis	7	15	2
Detroit	5	10	1

— Reuter.

Optimists Lose To Wonders

"Hong Kong Wonders" beat the "Optimists" by 213 points in the third round of the second stage of the Ewo League at the Bowling Alleys last night. Scores:—

Hong Kong Wonders:—M. Talan (478), L. Gaddi (468), J. Landolt (442) and A. Goldau (427)—total 1,811.
Optimists:—S. A. Ismail (429), R. W. Manby (411), G. Chow (398) and L. D. Skinner (360)—total 1,598.

HOCKEY**Matches Arranged**

The international hockey semi-final between England and India will be played to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. on the Navy ground, King's Park.

The final has been fixed for Sunday afternoon next at 4 p.m. on the Club ground.

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PROSPECTS OF THE COUNTIES

TWO decisions taken by the powers-that-be ought to bring about an exceptionally interesting cricket season in England.

Something has been done in the hope of making the balance between bat and ball more even by the issuing of instructions to groundsmen concerning the preparation of wickets which allow bowlers more assistance. Further, there is to be a trial of the eight-ball over of which many of our leading batsmen and bowlers have had experience when on tour in Australia and South Africa.

Not yet is there any reduction of the first-class fixture list. Indeed, a County Championship match will be begun as late as September 4, when Lancashire are to start their game with Leicestershire on a Monday, to prevent any clashing with the first Saturday of the English football season.

One or two big personalities will be missing from the field during the coming summer, among them Harold Larwood and Herman, the Hampshire pace bowler. Both Frank Woolley and George Geary have also taken up coaching work, but it would not be surprising to see both of them making odd appearances after the schools break up at the end of July.

The problem of finding amateurs with sufficient spare time to accept the captaincy of a county eleven still agitates the minds of county officials, and even now the leadership of the Hampshire, Leicestershire, and Essex elevens has not been settled.

A Visit From The West Indies

After an interval of six years, a team from the West Indies will arrive in England during the latter part of April, to engage in a strenuous programme which includes three Test matches with England. They are under the command of R. S. Grant, who got a Blue for both cricket and Association football at Cambridge, and who is a brother of G. C. Grant, who led the last team from the Islands which toured this country.

Another Cambridge Blue in the side is J. H. Cameron, the little googly bowler who, at the age of 18, when playing for the Rest against Lord's Schools, achieved the feat of taking all ten wickets in an innings. He has also assisted Somerset.

Of the remainder of the party, only four have visited England before. They are George Headley, dubbed the "Black Bradman" because of his big scores; L. N. Constantine, fierce hitter and lively bowler and a great personality on previous tours; E. A. Martindale, a medium-paced bowler with a splendid action; and I. Barrow, the wicket-keeper.

If reports from the West Indies are not unduly optimistic, some of the newcomers may overshadow the performances of the cricketers with previous experience of English wickets. Much will depend, of course, upon the weather, inasmuch as most of the batsmen are accustomed to hard pitches.

H. P. Bayley, of British Guiana, comes with the reputation of being a steady defensive bat, who has made some tall scores, including a double century while taking part in a fourth wicket partnership of 281 against Barbados. An all-rounder and a useful wicket-keeper, J. E. D. Sealy ("Derek") is a finished batsman with a good cover drive and off-side strokes of class. Another batsman, the idol of Jamaica cricket crowds, who ought to do well is the left-hander, K. H. Weekes. The brothers Stollmeyer, J. B. and V. H., should certainly be an

attraction in the field, for both possess exceptional speed. J. B., a cricketer still in his teens, is also capable of the googly, and V. H. is regarded as a sound opening batsman. Both are right handers.

Flowing Strokes

Flowing strokes are said to be a penchant of G. Gomez, of Trinidad, and he, with Headley, a fine cutter and powerful driving batsman, and Weekes are all dangerous when well set.

The last time a West Indies team came here they were not very strong in slow bowling, and it appears that a fast attack is again to be the chief means of getting opposing sides out. In addition to Constantine, who in Lancashire League cricket bowls medium pace and no more, there is Martindale, who secured over a hundred wickets last time here; T. Johnson (Trinidad), fastish left hand; E. A. V. Williams, a sturdy medium-fast bowler from Barbados; and L. G. Hylton, who was picked as an extra player after the original choices.

Hylton is of the versatile type, being capable of changing from medium-fast to slow spin, and in view of the special efforts made to include him in the party, West Indies cricketers must hold a high opinion of his abilities.

Of the slower bowling, Grant himself can be fairly useful with off-breaks, and C. B. Clarke (Barbados) is of the leg-break and googly type, but without first-hand knowledge of the newcomers one is inclined to regard Cameron as the spin bowler most likely to do well.

Before opening their tour proper, the West Indies will play two one-day games at Godalming and Reigate, their first-class programme beginning with a match against Worcestershire on May 6.

Although the bowling has suffered by the departure of Herman to League cricket, the opening attack will be left in the capable hands of Heath and Court. The last-named is regarded as a young bowler with a good future. Left-hander J. Bailey has rejoined the county staff after a spell in League cricket, and a slow spin bowler in T. Dean, who returned to England from South Africa last year, has been engaged.

For financial reasons the Basingstoke fixture has been discontinued, but so successful was the match at Newport, Isle of Wight, that Hampshire are to play Middlesex there. A raised turf enclosure has been erected on the east side of the Southampton ground.

KENT.—The Kent fixture list this season omits Folkestone from the grounds to be used, and, although the usual week at Tunbridge Wells has been arranged, the plain hint has been given that unless the attendances improve there may be another change of venues.

Although Frank Woolley has announced his retirement, and will be coaching school-boys, there is a possibility of the left-hander making odd appearances for Kent. Foy and Cole have not been re-engaged, but otherwise the personnel remains unchanged. Ames, Todd, Watt, Fagg, Lewis, Wright, Sunnucks, Spencer, Harding, Carter, Davey, Davis, and Pocock form the professional staff. F. G. H. Chalk



The Mayor of Southampton, Councillor A. H. Powdrill, greeted Wally Hammond, the captain of the M.C.C. cricket team on arrival at Southampton. (Fox Copyright).

is continuing as captain, but nothing definite is known of other assistance likely to be forthcoming from amateurs.

LANCASHIRE.—A most formidable bid for the Championship ought to come from Lancashire. Last season Wilkinson, the leg-break bowler who spent the winter in South Africa with the M.C.C. team, considerably strengthened the eleven, as did the all-rounder Nutter. If only Hopwood would recover his skill as a left-arm slow bowler, Lancashire would have no real problem, for Pollard, Phillipson, Wilkinson, and Nutter are all first-rate bowlers.

Among new men engaged on the staff are S. Banham, a wicketkeeper from Bacup; F. Couper, a batsman from the same club; and J. Dyson, a right arm medium-paced from Sabden. W. H. L. Lister will again captain Lancashire. Farrimond, who had to wait many years for his chance as a wicket-keeper, is to have the match against Middlesex at Old Trafford in July as his benefit.

LEICESTERSHIRE.—Changes in playing personnel and venue, in addition to a possible alteration in captaincy, may affect Leicestershire next season. Instead of arranging matches in various parts of the country, the club will play only one fixture away from Leicester—against Glamorgan at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Leicestershire will miss the all-round work of George Geary probably more than they anticipate. Last summer Geary not only headed the bowling averages, but enjoyed one of his best seasons with the bat since first appearing in 1912. Now coach to Charterhouse, he will be available after term ends in July.

Whether C. S. Dempster is to lead the side again is at the moment uncertain. Leicestershire should have few qualms regarding batting, but the attack will probably cause anxiety once more, although Shipman, the fast bowler and steady opening batsman, who, owing to illness, has not played since 1936, will assist in mid-week matches. One of three new players engaged is West, a left arm bowler. H. A. Smith takes his benefit against Kent at Leicester in June.

C. J. B. Wood, formerly the captain, has been appointed assistant secretary to the club.

MIDDLESEX.—Middlesex, runners-up in the County Championship for the past three years, face the new season under the captaincy of I. A. R. Peebles, the googly bowler, who succeeds R. W. V. Robins. Although taking little part in first-class cricket in recent years, Peebles headed the county bowling averages for 1938, and he should strengthen the attack when difficult pitches are encountered. Chief reliance, however, will again centre on the two fast bowlers, J. Smith and Gray, who between them took 173 county wickets last year.

A notable absentee will be J. H. Human who has gone to Australia, and neither G. O. Allen nor Robins is likely to assist very often. Of the professionals, Nevell has joined Surrey. Robertson and Brown are regarded as the probable opening batsmen with Edrich at number three, the position he occupied when making 219 in the fifty Test in South Africa.

A young player of whom much is expected is Thompson, who, for Young Professional v. Young Amateurs last August, hit 132 for once out, and took, with slow off breaks, seven wickets for 68.

The fixture with Nottinghamshire in July is to be played at Kennington Oval.

HOME RUGGER

London, Apr. 17.

The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby League to-day:

Bramley	8	Featherstone	11
Hull Kingston	19	Keighley	3
Warrington	30	Leigh	0

—Reuter.

Walter Hagen, who was recently reported to be retiring from golf, states that he is going to make another attempt to win the British Open Championship, which he has already won four times—in 1922, 1924, 1928, and 1929.

They Say--

I honestly think that Brady would beat Johnny King in a title fight.—Jack Madden.

The unfortunate decision to abandon has left a loophole should there ever be another to a finish Test match. Teams know that they have only to dawdle and sooner or later somebody in authority is likely to step in and get the thing called off.—A writer in the *Daily Sketch*.

Footballers are just the same as sheep; the majority of them have very little brains and where one leads the others follow. — Bernard Joy, Derby County Manager.

Few memories will remain of the Ireland-Wales Rugby match except that the game proved once again that solid scrummaging still remains one of the biggest contributory causes of victory.—Peter Lawless.

One oddity is that at the moment golf is not universally acknowledged as a good way of keeping a footballer fit. I have failed to find an explanation for this, but I do remember that only a couple of seasons ago it was uncommon when a team getting ready for a cup-tie were not taken to a golf course.—Trevor Wignall.

TIMELESS TESTS

That incident, of cricket officialdom touting for patrons at a Test match, is surely the final straw so far as these gloomy to-a-finish affairs are concerned. It will one day be realised that you cannot get what you want—in cricket, apparently, the sole want seems to be a finish, as though a drawn match is a national disgrace—by legislation. The only way is through sheer hard work, sheer ability, and sheer will to win on the field. Unfortunately, these three virtues are somewhat lacking to-day.—E. H. D. Sewell.

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SHANGHAI SNIPPETS

Basketball Stars Beaten

THE visiting Canadian Academy basketball players from Kobe completed their series in Shanghai yesterday evening at Chinese Y.M.C.A., where they lost by 30-22 to the powerful Chinan Middle School, winners of the recent S.A.S. Invitation Basketball League.

This was the only defeat suffered by the visitors during their stay here, the Kobe champions winning their first three encounters without difficulty. On Wednesday evening they took the measure of the Shanghai American School by 21-17, repeating this success on Friday night with a score of 39-33. On Thursday, the Canadian Academy stars trounced the "Y" Giants by 33-17.

McTyeire Girls Win Championship

THE McTyeire team garnered the S.A.S. Girls' Basketball League championship yesterday afternoon when they scored a comfortable victory over Shung Tak by a big margin of 60-44.

Winning five out of six games played, Chi Sue took second position, while Shung Tak followed in the standings with four wins and two losses. Suffering six straight setbacks, Shanghai American School's second team finished at the bottom of the loop.

Central Police Station Top Darts League

By defeating Area Details on Friday evening at Tifeng Road Camp by 2-1, Central Police Station has gone to the top of the League in the Shanghai Open Darts Championship and are the first side to leave the soldiers' board with more than one point this season.

Louza Station did an excellent job of work the same night by taking the measure of the greatly improved Central Club by the odd point in three. This victory puts Stan Gash's boys second in the League with 25 points, as against the 26 of their rivals from Central Station.

Louza, however, have two games in hand, and should the side turn in the same brand of match-play as was observed on Friday, there should be little doubt that the Ewo Shield will find itself in this Station's possession.

Pote-Hunt Leads In Ten-Pin Tourney

FEW startling changes in the standings and only one or two performances above the average featured the second round of the Men's and Ladies' Singles, Ten-Pin Championships, which were played off on Thursday night at the Columbia Country Club and Fourth Marines Club respectively.

A consistent triple of 538 enabled Jim Pote-Hunt to retain his lead in the Men's competition, closely followed by Deegan, who scored 539 to keep within striking distance of his rival. Campbell rolled a splendid triple of 561 to climb from 11th to third place, while Huebner made an almost identical rise—from 10th to fourth place.

The most notable performance of the evening, however, was registered by Schmid, whose brilliant triple of 607, including the high single of 245, enabled him to climb no less than 28 places—from 40th to 12th. Other good scores were registered by Gensburger, with a single of 223.

Mrs. Malleck Retains Leadership

ADDING 501 pins to her first round's total of 570, Mrs. Malleck had no difficulty in retaining her leadership in the women's singles. Mrs. McDonnell accounted for 514 pins to remain in second place while Miss McIntyre dispossessed Mrs. Kwok of third place.

Miss McIntyre gained high honours of the evening with her triple of 524 and single of 200 Miss Hykes made the biggest climb of the day, rising from 10th to fifth place.

Wrestling Challenge From Indians

HURLING a challenge to all wrestlers in Shanghai, 230 pound Gulam Hussian, recently arrived in Shanghai from India, has made known his willingness to engage all and sundry in the manly art. In fact, he is even willing to put up a side stake of \$500. He was accompanied by two other compatriots of his, Guhakh Singh and Karam Singh by name, both likewise eager to meet any possible opponents.

Gulam Hussian claims to be the third ranking wrestler in his native Punjab and modestly voiced his opinion, through his manager, that he would make short work of any local opposition. Thirty-two years of age, he states that he has a record of some 400 fights behind him in twelve years of wrestling. He last 20 fights have been with the ranking wrestlers in India and he has only lost five.

Guhakh Singh weighs in the neighbourhood of 200 pounds and has some six years of experience in the wrestling game.

Karam Singh is a lightweight of 140 pounds. He appeared locally about three years ago at St. Georges. His claim is that he has never been beaten by an opponent of his own weight.

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BISLEY MEETING

Lengthy Programme Disposed Of

The fifth day of the Hong Kong Rifle Association's 1939 Bisley Meeting was held at the Kowloon City Rifle ranges yesterday.

The prize distribution which was to have taken place yesterday has been postponed to May 14.

All the competitions which have been held over will be fired off on May 14.

Following were the results of yesterday's meetings:

The 'First Stage Aggregate'—1, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.), 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex), and P. O. Swan (R.N.), all 98, (to be shot off); 4, Sgt. Heap (R.N.R.S.) 97; 5, S/Lt. Morahan (H.K.N.V.F.) 96; 6, Austin (D.R.C.) 96; 7, E. R. A. Templeton (R.N.) 96; 8, L/C. Langford (1/Middlesex) 95; 9, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) 95; 10, Lt. Otmy (R.E.) 94; 11, P. O. Clarke (R.N.) 94; 12, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 94.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sub-Inspector Chau (H.K.P.R.) 94; L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 94; Boulton (D.R.C.) 94; Lt. Le Sellaire (R.E.) 93; Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) 93.

(a) Clay-Bird Daily Competition, (Open Singles).—1, Lt. R. Ashly (H.K.N.V.F.) 30 Birds Single Rise; 2, Capt. Hyde (Manchester Regiment) 30 Birds Single Rise.

(b) Handicap Singles.—1, Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.F.); 2, Capt. Newton (Middlesex).

(c) Doubles.—1, Lieut. Ashly (H.K.N.V.F.); 2, Capt. R. Hyde (Manchester Regiment).

Bagshot Competitions, Class X (S.R.A.)—1, Gilman (D.R.C.); 2, Sgt. Steer (R.S.), (after shoot off); 3, Cpl. Maghan Singh, (H.K.P.) 28.

Consolation Prizes (3).—Pte. Harman (H.K.V.D.C.) 28; Col. Morris (R.S.) 28, Pte. Scott (R.S.) 27; Cpl. Naran Singh (H.K.P.) 27.

Bagshot Competitions, Class X (S.R.B.)—1, 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex) 17; 2, P. O. Clarke (R.N.) 16; 3, Cadet Carey (N.V.F.) 16; 4, Austin (D.R.C.) 32; 5, Lt. Le Sellaire (R.S.) 32; 6, S/Lt. Morahan (N.V.F.) and Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.) 32.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sgt. Chau (H.K.P.), C. S. M. Maslem (R.E.), Sgt. Rushman (N.R.S.), Sgt. Bateman (N.V.F.), Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex), Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.), all 31.

Bagshot Competition, Class M (S.R.A.)—1, Sgt. Green; 2, E.R.A. Shoreland (R.N.), (after shoot off); 3, Lieut. Rowe (R.N.) 29; 4, L/Cpl. Ewens (R.A.O.C.) 28; 5, Pte. Rymer (1/Middlesex) 27; 6, Lieut. Russell (R.E.) 26; 7, A. C. I. Gash (R.A.F.) 26.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/C. Hitchcock (R.S.), Cpl. Brown (R.S.) and A. B. Lawson (R.N.) all 25; Bdm. Sharrock (R.S.) and C. S. M. Stanford (R.S.) both 24.

Bagshot Competition, Class M (S.R.B.)—1, Lt. Otway (R.E.) 33; 2, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.) 32; 3, L/Sea Martingale (R.N.) 32.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Major Syme (2/R. Scots), Sgt. Instr. Ritchie (H.K.P.), and P. S. M. Milne (2/R. Scots) all 31.

'Stickledown' Competition Class M (S.R.A.)—1, Lieut. Russell (R.E.), and 2, L/C. Catherer, (after shoot off); 3, Lt. Rowe (R.N.), 42; 4, Sgt. Sargent (H.K.P.), 42; 5, A/C. Gash (R.A.F.), 41; 6, Sgt. Green (R.S.), 40; 7, Drm. Smith (Middlesex), 40.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.R.), 39; C. S. M. Stanford (R.S.), 38; E. R. A. O'Shea (R.N.), 38; L/Sto. Smith (R.N.), 38; Bdm. Sharrock (R.S.), 38.

'Stickledown' Competition Class M (S.R.B.)—1, L/Sgt. Hoo (H.K.P.R.), 46; 2, L/Cpl. Langford (Middlesex) and Trenorth (D.R.C.), both 45.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sgt. Gormans (H.K.P.), 45; P/Sgt. Wong Chung (H.K.P.R.), 45; Sgt. Clements (R.S.), 45.

'Stickledown' Competition Class X (S.R.A.)—1, L/C. Berry (R.A.F.), 46; 2, L/S. Pan (H.K.P.), 44; 3, Pte. Scott (R.S.), 44.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sgt. Steer (R.S.), 43; Mr. Gillman (D.R.C.), 42; Mr. Hyett (D.R.C.), 42.

DON BUDGE NOT ENGAGED

New York, April 2.

Reports that Donald Budge, the lawn tennis player, had become engaged to Miss Edith Wright, a radio entertainer, are without foundation, according to Mr. Salisian, one of Budge's closest friends.

He told Reuter in New York "Don is definitely not engaged to Miss Wright. They are just good friends. I know that for a fact for I have often talked with Donald about the reports and he has told me that there is no truth in them. It is just a lot of misleading publicity."—Reuter.

'Stickledown' Competition Class X (S.R.B.)—1, E. R. A. Gilpin (R.N.), 50; 2, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.), 48; 3, P. O. Swan (N.R.S.), 48; 4, Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.), 47; 5, E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.) and P/S. Thong (H.K.P.R.), 47 each; 7, Sur. Lt. Mackie (H.K.V.D.C.) 47.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Capt. Guscott (Middlesex), 46; Curtis (D.R.C.), 46; Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.), 46; C/Sgt. Hale (Middlesex), 46; Insp. David Loie (H.K.P.R.), 46; E. R. A. Templeton (R.N.), 46.

'Brookwood' Competition Class X (S.R.A.)—1, A. B. Winder (R.N.), 44; 2, Sgt. Pan (H.K.P.R.), 43; 3, Cpl. Morris (R.S.), 42.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/Cpl. d'Aquino (H.K.V.D.C.), 41; L/Cpl. Bullen (R.S.), 41; Cpl. Booth (R.S.), 40.

'Brookwood' Competition Class X (S.R.B.)—1, Lt. Le Sellaire (R.E.) and P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.) tied for first place with 48 each, but P/Sgt. Thong won the shoot-off; 3, C. P. O. Davey (R.N.), 46; 4, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.), 46; 5, 2/Lt. Dawson (Middlesex), 46; 6, E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.), 46; 7, Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.), 46.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Capt. Guscott (Middlesex), 45; Blake (D.R.C.), 45; Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.), 45; C. S. M. Maslem (R.E.), 45; L/Cpl. Rawling (Middlesex), 45; P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.), 45.

'Brookwood' Competition Class M (S.R.A.)—1, Pte. Allan (R.S.), 44; 2, Sgt. Sargent (H.K.P.), 41; 3, Cpl. Ure (Middlesex), 40; 4, Spr. Rumary (R.E.), 40; 5, Spr. Allo (R.E.), 39; 6, Sgt. Green (R.S.), and Bdm. Tunmer (Middlesex), both 37.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—E. R. A. Shoreland (R.N.), 37; L/Cpl. Neave (R.S.), 37; C. S. M. Stanford (R.S.), 37; L/Cpl. Hitchcock (R.S.), 37; Pte. Gromm (Middlesex), 37.

The Brookwood Competition, Class M (S.R.B.)—1, E. R. A. Classey (R.N.) and L/C. Boe (2/R.S.), both 47, (to be shot off); 3, Lt. Otway (R.E.), 46.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Spr. Thompson (R.E.), 45; Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.), 43; L/Sgt. Hoo Kam-chiu (H.K.P.R.), 42.

Siberia Competition, Class M (S.R.A.)—1, Lt. Russell (R.E.), 42; 2, Lt. Rowe (R.N.), 40; 3, Sgt. Green (2/R.S.), 40; 4, Sgt. Sargent (H.K.P.), 40; 5, Spr. Allo (R.E.), 37; 6, E. R. A. O'Shea (R.N.), 37; 7, Cpl. Freemantle (2/R.S.), 36.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—L/Sto. Smith (R.N.), and Bdm. Shancock (2/R.S.), both 35; E. R. A. Shoreland (R.N.), 34; L/C. Hitchcock (2/R.S.), 33; Spr. Rumary (R.E.), 33.

Siberia Competition, Class X (S.R.A.)—1, Capt. Carless (R.N.S.), and Spr. Albano (R.E.), both 40; (to be shot off); 3, F/Sgt. Tullison (R.A.F.), 39.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Bdms. Geary (1/Middlesex), Pte. Scott (2/R.S.) and L/Sgt. Pan (H.K.P.R.), all 38.

The Siberia Competition, Class M (S.R.B.)—1, Lt. Otway (R.E.), 46; 2, Major Syme (2/R.S.), 45; 3, E. R. A. Classey (R.N.), 45.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.R.), 44; P/Sgt. Hoo (H.K.P.R.), 43.

The Siberia Competition, Class X (S.R.B.)—1, E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.), 2; P. O. Swan (N.R.S.), 45; 3, E. R. A. Stephens (N.R.S.), 45; 4, C. P. O. Davey (R.N.), 45; C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middle-

£2,000 TOURNEY AT QUEEN'S PARK

Bournemouth, April 2.

T. H. Cotton (Ashridge) won the first prize of £500 in the £2,000 Professional Tournament on the Queen's Park course, Bournemouth, to-day. In the replay over thirty-six holes he beat A. Compston (Coombe Hill) by four strokes. The respective scores were: Cotton 141 (70 and 71); Compston, 145 (74 and 71).

At the end of the first round Cotton, with a score of 70, held a lead of four strokes. Compston, with a 74, had dropped three shots at two of the last three holes. In the outward half Compston more than held his own, being one stroke to the good at the ninth with a score of 34 to 35. He gradually fell away before Cotton's relentless golf, and but for an amazing piece of luck at the fourteenth, Compston might easily have been half a dozen shots behind. At this long and difficult hole, played in the teeth of a strong wind, he hooked a brassie into a clump of pine trees, the ball being perched in a branch six feet above the ground. "Here goes a £500 shot," said Compston, as he aimed a blow at the ball. Luckily it fell clear, and with his fourth shot he chipped five feet from the flag. Amid tremendous cheering, Compston holed the putt for a five, the same figure as Cotton, who had played the hole perfectly.

The scores for the first nine holes were: Cotton, 5, 2, 4, 4, 3, 4, 6, 3, 4=35; Compston, 4, 3, 4, 4, 2, 4, 5, 4, 4=34. From this point Cotton took complete command. A birdie 4 at the tenth and a birdie 3 at the next put him a stroke

ahead for the first time in the game. He gained another stroke at the dog-legged sixteenth, where Compston was trapped in the heather.

For the second nine holes the figures were: Cotton, 4, 3, 5, 4, 5, 3, 4, 3, 4=35; Compston, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 3, 5, 3, 6=40.

IN THE AFTERNOON
Although Cotton did lose a stroke at the first hole in the second round there was little doubt as to the ultimate result. His golf was well-nigh flawless—long and accurate driving was followed by crisp iron shots and beautifully judged putting. The dropping of two shots at the short second hole was virtually the end of Compston's hopes. Bunkered behind the green, he took four, whereas Cotton holed from 9 ft. for a 2. He was now five strokes to the good and another stroke was added at the sixth, where Compston's cut drive hit a spectator and finished behind a tree.

The scores going out were: Cotton: 5, 2, 4, 3, 3, 4, 5, 4, 4=34; Compston: 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 5, 4, 4=36.

Although the prospects were anything but rosy, Compston never relaxed. After being over the green at the tenth, he holed a stout putt for a half in 4, and then picked up three strokes in the next two holes. For the first time in the round Cotton's putting was at fault. He missed a putt of 2 ft. at the eleventh and another short one at the next, which cost him a 6. Here Compston had a 4 as the result of a fine run up after being in the trees with a brassie shot.

Cotton made amends with a 2 at the fifteenth, but three putts at the next brought his advantage back to three strokes. He added another at the home hole, where Compston hooked into the heather, and took 5.

The scores for the inward half were: Cotton: 4, 5, 6, 4, 4, 2, 5, 3, 4=37; Compston: 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5=35.

sex), 45; 6, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.), 44; 7, Sub/Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.F.), 44. Consolation Sweepstakes.—Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.), P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.), and L/C. Henderson (2/R.S.), all 44; Lt. Holmes (H.K.V.D.C.), and Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.), both 43.

"H.E. The Governor's Cup" (S.R. a. b. Final 20).—1, P. O. Swan (N.R.S.), 234; 2, E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.), 232; 3, P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), 232; 4, Lt. Otway (R.E.), 231; 5, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.), 229; 6, E. R. A. Templeton (R.N.), 228; 7, Austin (D.R.C.), 227; 8, 2/Lt. Dawson (1/Middlesex), 227; 9, Lt. Le Sellaire (R.E.), 227; 10, Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.), 227; 11, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.), 226; 12, Sub-Inspector Chau (H.K.P.R.), 226; 13, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.), 225; 14, Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.), 225; 15, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.), 224; 16, Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex), 224; 17, P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.), 224; 18, C. S. M. Haslem (R.E.), 224; S/Lt. Bateman (H.K.N.V.), C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex), L/C. Langford (1/Middlesex) and E. R. A. Stephens (R.N.), all 223 (to shoot off for the last two places).

Team Revolver Match.—1, Hong Kong Police "A" Team, represented by Insp. Hopkins 34, Cpl. Charan Singh 32, Cpl. Mughar Singh 32, Sgt. Perkins 28, Sgt. Gowans 27, and Sub-Inspector Ritchie 21. Total 174; 2, Hong Kong Police Reserve, represented by L/Sgt. Hoo 33, P/Sgt. Wong, 30, P/Sgt. Chan 29, S/Insp. Chau 26, P/Sgt. Thong 25, Insp. Loie 22. Total 164.

"The R.E. Officers' Cup"—1, Lt. Russell (R.E.), 254.

Revolver Shooting

The Individual Revolver Competition. 1, L/Sgt. Tansley (Ex. H.K.P.R.), 85; 2, P. C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.), 83; 3, Sgt. Rushman (R.M.), 33.

Association Medallists (S.R. a. b.).—1, Cadet Carey (H.K.N.V.F.), 33. China Fleet Challenge Cup.—1, Naval Range Staff, Stonecutters, 469.

Allcomers Aggregate.—1, P. O. Swan (N.R.S.), 248; 2, E. A. Gillpin (4 S.M.), 246; 3, Capt. Guscott (1/Middlesex), 246; 4, Sgt. Russell (N.R.S.), 245; 5, P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), 244; 6, Lieut. Le Sellaire (R.E.), 244; 7, E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.), 243; 8, Lieut. Otway (R.E.), 242; 9, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.),

242; 10, Austin (D.R.C.), 241; 11, Sgt. Gowans (H.K.P.), 240; 12, Sgt. Heap (N.R.S.), 240.

Second Stage Aggregate.—1, E. R. A. Keiller (4 S.M.), and P/Sgt. Thong (H.K.P.R.), both 139 (to be shot off); 3, Lieut. Otway (R.E.), 137; 4, Sgt. Russell (H.K.P.), 137; 5, P. O. Swan (N.R.S.), 136; 6, C. P. O. Davey (4 S.M.), 136; 7, S. R. A. Classey (4 S.M.), 136; 8, Capt. Guscott (1/Middlesex), 134; 9, Lt. Le Sellaire (R.E.), 134; 10, C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex), 133; 11, P/Sgt. Chan (H.K.P.R.), 132; 12, S/Insp. Chau (H.K.P.R.), 132.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—C. S. M. Maslem (R.E.), 132; E. R. A. Stephens (4 S.M.), Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.) S/Lt. Bateman (N.V.F.) and Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.) all 131.

The Council Cup.—1, P. C. Charan Singh (H.K.P.), 33; 2, Sgt. Pennell (H.K.P.), 32; 3, Surg.-Lt. Mackie (H.K.N.V.F.), 31; 4, Sgt. Roberts (H.K.P.), 31; 5, E. R. A. Gilpin (R.N.), 31; 6, E. R. A. Gilpin (R.N.), 31; 7, Sgt. Cooper (1/Middlesex), 31; 8, Sgt. Perkins (H.K.P.), 31.

Consolation Sweepstakes.—Major Syme (2/R.S.), C/Sgt. Hale (1/Middlesex) and Sgt. Heap (R.N.S.), all 31; P/Sgt. Wong (H.K.P.R.), 30; Comdr. Hill (R.A.O.C.), 30; E. R. A. Keiller (R.N.), 29; Insp. Loie (H.K.P.R.), 29; Blake (D.R.C.), 29.

S.R. Championship.—1, C. S. M. Maslem (R.E.), 94; 2, Spr. Colebrooke (R.E.), 93; 3, P. O. Swan (N.R.S.), 92; 4, Cpl. Cole (N.R.S.), 90; 5, Maj. White (2/R.S.), 88; 6, Cpl. Morris (2/R.S.), 86; 7, L/C. Keiller (1/Middlesex), 83; 8, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.), 80; 9, L/Sgt. Jones (R.E.), 80; 10, L/Cpl. Bullen (2 R.S.), 79.

The Platoon Match.—1, 5/6 Rajputana Rifles, 268; 2, "C" Coy, 2nd Royal Scots.

LATE RESULTS

The Grand Aggregate was won by Petty Officer Swan, R. N. Range staff, Stonecutters; the Founder's Prize was won by E. R. A. Gilpin, 4th submarine Flotilla; The Long Range Aggregate was won by Bandmaster Kifford, Middlesex; the Association and Services Rifle Championship was won by C. S. M. Championship Aggregate was won by L/C. Tam, Hong Kong Police Reserve; and the Steel Course Trophy by the Hong Kong Police.

Beethoven's Seventh Symphony

To-day's Wireless

London Relays: Vocal Items: Schumann Concerto

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.
Merchant Of Venice Suite (Rosso)... London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.
Little Brown Jug; The Three Crows (Eastburn); The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W. M.)... Stuart Robertson (Baritone) with Piano & Chorus.
Palladium Memories: Intro: The Fleet's in Port Again; Hometown; O'Kay for Sound; Along the river with you; Life begins at Oxford Circus; There's a new world; Free; Waltz of the Gipsies; Round about Regent Street... London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.
My Piano And Me, Intro: One Alone; To a Wild Rose; One Fine Day.
Lost (Ohman, Mercer & Testor).
Sweetheart Let's Grow Old Together (Bratton & Edwards).
1.15 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Honey Coloured Moon (film 'Music hath charms'); Fox-Trot—Music Hath Charms (from the film)... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Fox-Trot—I'd Rather Listen To Your Eyes (film 'Shipmates Forever')... Jacques Renard & His Orchestra.
1.40 p.m.—Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Mr.

George Buchanan. Subject: 'Steam Bolders'.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Outside of Paradise; (b) Shimani-gans; (c) Heart and Soul; (d) Jeppers Creepers.
6.14 p.m.—Record: So Many Memories (Woods); Outside An Old Stage Door (Pelosi-Pattison)... Ralph Sli-vester (Vocal) accomp. by Fred Hartley & His Saxet.
6.21 p.m.—(a) I could use a Dream; (b) Flat Foot Floogie; (c) After you've gone; (d) Every Tub.
6.35 p.m.—Records: Dinah (Akst); Lazy Bones (Mercer & Carmichael)... 8 Piano Ensemble lead by Philip Finch.
Little Lady Make-Believe (Tobias & Simon)... Dorothy Lamour (Vocal) with Herbie Kay & His Orchestra.
6.44 p.m.—(a) Star Dust; (b) Mama's gone Good-bye; (c) Moon-Glow; (d) Rhythm Mad.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations
7.02 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.
Dixon Hits No. 16. Intro: It looks like rain in Cherry Blossom Lane; The greatest mistake of my life; Wake up and live; You're here; You're there; Ten pretty girls; Love is good for anything that ails you.
Dixon Hits No. 21. Intro: Tears in my heart; In my little red book; Once in a while; The pretty little patchwork quilt; The girl in the Alice Blue Gown; Don't ever change.

7.15 p.m.—A programme of Dance Music and Variety.
Dance Orch.—Summer's End—Slow Fox-Trot; Never Break A Promise—Waltz... Mantovani & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—Let Me Go Back To The Farm (Sarony & Holmes); Why Must We Keep On Working? (Sarony & Holmes)... The Two Leslies (Leslie Sarony and Leslie Holmes) with Orchestra.
Dance Orch.—Allah's Holiday (Friml); Indianola (Onivas)... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood.
Vocal & Piano—Two Shadows (film same); I Won't Tell A Soul (Parker-Charles)... Leslie Hutchinson.
Comedian—Pop! Goes Your Heart (film 'Happiness Ahead'); London On A Rainy Night (Washington & Stept)... Bobby Howes with Orchestra.
Hawaiian Orch.—Tropic Love (Tom-crlin & Long); Sweet Hawaiian Chimes (McConnell & Sandford)... The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus.
Dance Orch.—Love Is Where You Find It (film 'Garden of the Moon'); Garden of the Moon (from the film)... Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.
Siellienne Et Rigaudon (Francoeur-Kreisler); Guitarre (Moszkowski-Sarasate)... with Piano accomp. by Arthur Balsam.

Romance In A Major, Op. 94, No. 2 (Schumann, arr. Kreisler)... with Piano accomp. by Ferguson Webster.

8.14 p.m.—Schumann—Concerto In D Minor. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York conducted by John Barbirolli.

8.44 p.m.—A Song by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano). Chanson Indoue ('Sadko'—Rimsky-Korsakov).

8.49 p.m.—Rimsky-Korsakov—Le Coq D'Or Suite. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Food for Thought. Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Songs by Elsie Suddaby (Soprano).

The Mocking Fairy (Besly).
The Almond Tree (Schumann).
The Rosebud; Hark! Hark! The Lark (Schubert).

...with Piano accompaniment.

10 p.m.—London Relay—The City of London—8: 'The Corporation', by A. H. Thomas, Deputy Keeper of the Records, Guildhall.

10.15 p.m.—Two Schubert Songs.

Hedge Rose, Op. 3, No. 3.
The Erl King, Op. 1.

...Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Gerald Moore at the Piano.

10.21 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 7 In A Major, Op. 92. Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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♥ A 8 3
♦ —
♣ A J 7 8
♠ 8 3 2
♥ 7 6 4
♦ 8 7 6
♣ Q 10 2
♠ K 10
♥ K J 9
♦ A K 5 2
♣ K 8 5 3
Sherman Stearns

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 3♠ Pass
2NT Pass 4♠ Pass
3NT Pass 4♥ Pass
4NT Pass 6NT Pass

To-day we have another Duplicate Slam hand in which top score was obtained by Mrs. George Shaw, sitting North, who contracted for six no-trump in spite of the fact that off-hand her distribution looked much better for a suit contract. Mrs. Shaw quite properly realised that Mr. Stearns' opening no-trump bid and his subsequent diamond bid clearly indicated no danger in diamonds. Hence, six no-trump would be a safe contract and would count more than spades. There was little to the play of the hand. West opened the Queen of diamonds. Mr. Stearns won, played the Aces.

King and then the ten of spades. When the Queen dropped, the Small Slam was cold, but Declarer was unable to make seven since the club mounds. Mrs. Stearns won, played the ace and heart finesses were both wrong.

Yesterday as Merwin Maier's partner you held:

♠ Q J 9 x x
♥ A x
♦ A Q x
♣ J x x

Neither side was vulnerable.

The bidding:
You Burnstine Maier Schenken
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Your correct rebid is two spades. Since your opening bid was minimum, you choose to rebid your own suit rather than raise your partner or bid two no-trump.

Score 100% for two spades, 70% for three clubs, 80% for two no-trump (two no-trump is always a strong invitation to game and shows more than a minimum) 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 76

Howard Schenken is your partner to-day. You hold:

♠ Q 10 x
♥ A K 10 x x
♦ A x x
♣ x x

You deal and open the bidding with one heart. Mr. Schenken responds on no-trump. What do you bid now? (Answer to-morrow).

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Sailing Along".
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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Son Of Frankenstein".
Stark terror stalks the earth again when the son of Frankenstein revives the monster his father had created and finds that the puppet has become the master. With Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, Lionel Atwill and Donnie Dunagan, Basil Rathbone, Josephine Hutchinson.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Algiers",
with Charles Boyer, Sigrid Gurie, Hedy Lamarr, Joseph Calleia, Alan Hale, Gene Lockhart and Nina Koshetz. The setting of this picture is in the native quarter of Algiers, a refuge for criminals from all parts of Europe. The story is of the adventures of a devil may care international jewel thief (Charles Boyer) for whose love glamorous Sigrid Gurie and alluring Hedy Lamarr are rivals.

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A. S. I. Johnson stated that a European, getting out of a taxi in Salisbury Road near the entrance to the Godowns, had his luggage rudely snatched from his hands by defendant, one of five or six coolies trying to get possession of it.

FRENCH DEFENCE CONSULTATIONS

Paris, To-day.

The Prime Minister, M. Daladier, had another long conversation yesterday with the French Air Minister, M. Guy La Chambre, who reported to him on the latest development of the French air arm and particularly about the arrangements for co-operation made between the French and British Ministers.

Immediately afterwards, the French Prime Minister had a long talk with the General Secretary of the French Ministry of Finance, M. Bouthillier, and the Director of Budget, M. Jardel, concerning the measures to be taken in the interests of national defence.—Trans-

NAZI DRIVE TO CLEAN UP IN "CZEKIA"

Prague, To-day.

A campaign to get all Czechs to join the new Czech United Party will be inaugurated on Sunday.

The campaign will include wireless transmissions designed to "enlighten" the non-German population in Bohemia and Moravia regarding the aims and objects of the new Party.

Teachers and clergymen will be expected to play a leading part in this campaign which will include the distribution of three million leaflets and 10,000 posters.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. GOVERNMENT CUTS INTEREST

New York, To-day.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has reduced the interest rate on loans to business men to four per cent, the reduction to be retrospective to April 1.

The reduction is believed to be part of the Government's business recovery programme. Previously the rate was five per cent.—Reuter.

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